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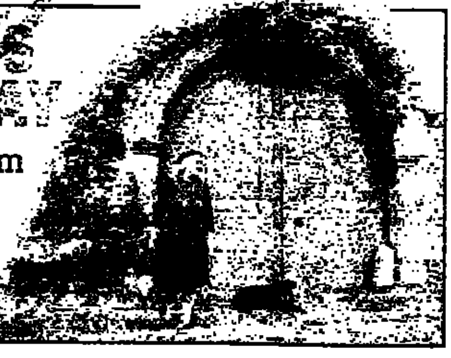

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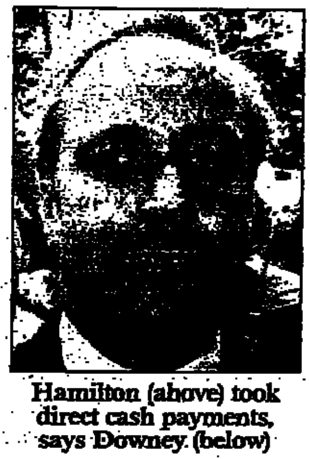
Five Tories censured by Downey

Sleaze report condemns Hamilton

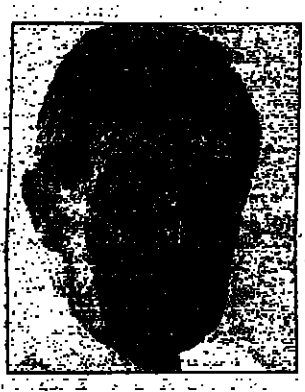
By Philip Webster, political editor

NEIL HAMILTON and four other former Conservative MPs were censured yesterday in a damning report into parliamentary sleaze that would almost certainly have prompted their expulsion or stringent penalties had they still been in the Commons.

There was "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton, the former Tatton MP, who was defeated by the broadcaster Martin Bell at the election, had received direct cash payments from Mohamed Al Fayed, Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, concluded in his long-awaited findings on the cash-for-questions scandal.



Hamilton (above) took direct cash payments, says Downey (below)



Mr Hamilton and Tim Smith, the former Northern Ireland minister, received and concealed payments in a way that fell below the standards expected of MPs, Sir Gordon found. Mr Hamilton was accused of making statements that were "in varying degrees untruthful".

Sir Andrew Bowden, the former MP for Brighton Kemptown, failed to declare *his interests in dealing with* ministers and officials, in one case positively misled, and failed to register a £5,000 campaign donation that he probably knew came from Mr Al Fayed, the report said.

Sir Michael Grylls, former MP for Surrey North West, "deliberately misled" a Commons select committee over the number of commission payments he had received, and persistently failed to declare his interests in dealings with ministers and officials, it found.

Michael Brown, former MP for Brigg and Cleethorpes, "persistently and deliberately" failed to declare his interests in dealing with ministers and officials, the report concluded. Five other former Tory MPs were cleared. They are Lady Olga Maitland, Norman Lamont, Nirj Deva, Gerald Malone, who were defeated at the election, and Sir Peter Hordern, who stood down.

Mr Smith stood down before the election after losing the support of his Beaconsfield constituency party, and Sir Michael retired. But Mr Hamilton, Sir Andrew and Mr Brown were all defeated, Mr Hamilton after a celebrated contest with Mr Bell that dominated the early stages of the campaign and dented any hopes John Major had of staging a fightback against Labour's massive lead.

Mr Major was accused of deliberately staging a long campaign to avoid Sir Gordon's report being published before the election, a charge he denied.

But it was apparent yesterday that Sir Gordon's verdict, particularly against Mr Hamilton, was so strong that the report would have had a disastrous impact in the election run-up.

The criticisms levelled by Sir Gordon of both Mr Hamilton and Mr Smith were so serious that they would almost certain have led to recommendations from the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee that they be expelled from the Commons, senior politicians on both sides agreed last night.

The findings were described as "serious" by William Hague. The new Tory leader is constrained until the MPs have been given an opportunity over the next two weeks to make their representations to the committee, and the committee itself has reported. But senior Conservatives are certain that Mr Hague hopes that if the findings are upheld those most severely criticised will sever their connections with the Tory party.

Mr Hague said: "The individuals concerned will wish to consider how they respond to Sir Gordon's serious findings. The Conservative Party wishes to see such matters fairly and rigorously dealt with."

Mr Hamilton was still fiercely protesting his innocence last night after Sir Gordon concluded that he had received direct payments of at least £25,000. He claimed a "*miscarriage of justice*".

Until yesterday Mr Hamilton and his supporters had claimed there was no evidence that he regularly took £50 notes stuffed in envelopes from the Egyptian-born businessman. He was clearly harmed by Mr Smith's admission that he had accepted between £18,000 and £25,000 from Mr Al Fayed.

"In both the timing and the method of payment Mr Smith's case provides strong support for Mr Al Fayed's allegations against Mr Hamilton. Further, I have not received any convincing explanation as to why Mr Al Fayed should make truthful allegations of cash payments to Mr Smith — but similar untruthful allegations in relation to Mr Hamilton," Sir Gordon found. Mr Hamilton

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DESMOND O'NEILL

Sir Terence Conran: the award to Lady Conran, his former wife, was "unbelievable just because she cooked a few meals", he said yesterday

Conran v Conran — the £10m divorce

By Adrian Lee

SIR TERENCE CONRAN spoke of his dismay yesterday after a judge ordered him to provide his third wife with a divorce package worth more than £10 million.

Lady Conran will keep homes in London and Dorset and receive a lump sum of £6.2 million, which includes £900,000 to buy a new property in the south of France. The award, by Mr Justice Wilson, is believed to be the largest ever in a contested divorce.

Sir Terence, the style guru who became Britain's leading restaurateur, said: "I feel very upset that something that was perfectly amicable has escalated into this. She left me. That does not come out in the judgment. I was extremely upset after a long period of marriage. She took off on the 30th anniversary of our wedding."

He said he now doubted he would be able to sit down in a civilised way with his former wife and he ruled out any joint *projects after the publication* of the new edition of her cookery book. "I have never viewed her as an avaricious woman, but that now seems to have occurred," he said.

The Family Division of the High Court was told that the couple agreed on how their *property should be divided* but the size of the cash settlement was in dispute.

The judge praised Lady Conran, now a cookery writer, for giving up a career and making an outstanding contribution to both her family and the Conran business. He described Sir Terence, 68, as having a healthy ego and said he was dismissive of his wife's contribution to the family and business.

Sir Terence said: "The figure is unbelievable just because she cooked a few meals now and again and wrote a few books. I taught her how to cook. I felt the judge was trying to make a name for himself. I think it [the judgment] reads like a Mills and Boon novel. I find it offensive a judge should write in that sort of language."

Sir Terence, who has a fortune of £80 million, and the 52-year-old judge attended the same school, Bryanston, in Dorset, which has the motto *Et Nova et Vetera* (Ancient *and Modern). He said his wife* already had an enormous amount of her own money and that he had made a perfectly reasonable offer, of more than £2.5 million, before the case went to court. "She asked for £50,000 a year, which I was perfectly happy with. It was only when it got into the hands of bright and manipulative lawyers that the amount was raised dramatically."

Sir Terence, who is now living with Victoria Davis, an interior designer, said he *doubted he would marry* again. "I am very happy to be living with Vicky Davis. I have other things in my life but I think my wife became quite obsessed with this thing."

The divorce had not clouded his memories of their 33 year marriage. "Only this has soured it," he said.

Lady Conran was said by friends to be delighted with the award.

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"It's the 10 per cent towards his divorce that I'm quibbling about"

Australia 224 for 7

Australia reached 224 for seven on the first day of the third Test at Old Trafford. Steve Waugh scored 102 not out; Dean Headley took three wickets on his debut. Page 48

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Budget sends shares to new high

By Alasdair Murray
Economics Correspondent
and Michael Clark

THE stock market reached a record high yesterday as dealers ignored the threat of further interest rate rises and gave Labour's Budget a vote of confidence.

The FTSE 100 recovered from an early fall to close up 80.3 points at 4831.7, with even water and electricity shares shrugging off windfall tax worries. The bounce was the biggest yet after a Budget, beating 1993's record 66.3-point rise.

But the pound also surged to a six-year high against the mark as speculation continued that the Bank of England is set to raise interest rates next week.

City analysts said that investors had returned to the stock market in a positive mood because the Budget had hurt less than expected and because the Chancellor's decision not to target consumers with higher taxes should ensure that the high steet spending boom continues.

Martin Lupton, head of market-making at brokers Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said: "Investors are relieved that much of the bad news in the Budget is out of the way."

Brokers reported strong interest from foreign investors betting on the strong pound and the prospect of an imminent rise in interest rates. They were shopping for shares in British companies having strong earnings and dividend growth. Particularly in favour were the supermarket chains, water and electricity utilities and the banks. But the big manufacturers were given a wide berth because of the likely impact of a strong pound on profits.

The FTSE has risen 227.1 points (4.9 per cent), in the past three days. The pound rose another two pfennigs against the mark, climbing through its old ERM central parity rate of DM2.95 to finish at DM2.965. Sterling also rose more than a cent against the dollar as it headed towards a 1997 high of $1.69.

Foreign exchange dealers ignored Gordon Brown's claim yesterday that he was unhappy with the pound's strength and wanted to help exporters. Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC, said the Chancellor has missed a "golden opportunity" to increase consumer taxes and take the pressure off further interest rate rises. Economists predict that the Bank of England will now raise rates sharply over the rest of the year, sending the pound above DM3.

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Workshy will lose benefits

Unemployed young people who turn down a place on the Government's new welfare to work scheme will now lose their full benefit for up to a month, under sanctions unveiled by the Education and Employment Secretary yesterday .... Page 2

Milk row splits childbirth group

Rebel mothers have staged a mass resignation from the National Childbirth Trust in protest at a decision to accept sponsorship money from a supermarket chain which sells its own brand of baby milk .... Page 9

Empty Wimbledon seats as British dream dies

By John Goodbody
and Stephen Farrell

TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedski were swept out of the Wimbledon championships yesterday as thousands failed to occupy pre-paid seats for the country's most momentous day for men's tennis since 1961.

The dream of an all-British semi-final evaporated as both players lost in quick succession on the new No 1 Court. Cedric Pioline of France beat Rusedski 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, then Henman lost to Michael Stich, from Germany, in straight sets. Henman, who beat Richard Krajicek, of Holland, the defending champion, the previous day, called his defeat "probably my worst experience on a tennis court so far. To be in a quarter-final at Wimbledon and to lose as easily as I did is very disappointing."

He added later: "Twenty-four hours ago I could play some of the best tennis in my career and now I've played some of the worst." But he vowed: "I definitely believe I have the capabilities to win Wimbledon."

At the start of his 1.10pm match the 11,400-capacity court was two-thirds full. When Rusedski had begun his match at 11am, there were 3,000 people. However, each refused to blame low turn-out for their performances. Rusedski said: "The people who came were tremendous and supportive . . . I'm just disappointed I couldn't give them something to cheer about." The missing fans did surprise Pioline, who said: "I would have thought it was a big match."

Frustrated spectators milling around outside last night called for the All England Club's ticketing system to be changed to admit more "genuine" fans such as those who attended "People's Sunday". Only 500 seats — quickly snapped up — were sold at the gates yesterday on a first-come, first-served basis.

☐ Boris Becker, 29, three times champion, announced after his quarter-final defeat by Pete Sampras, of the United States, that he would not be returning to the championships, where British fans had made him feel "very much at home."

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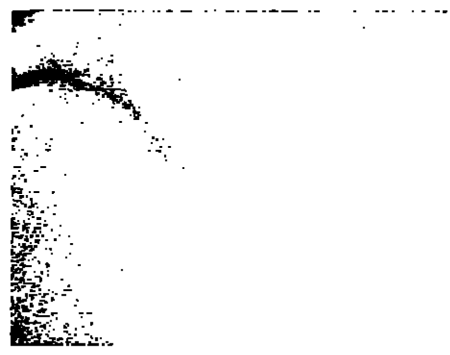

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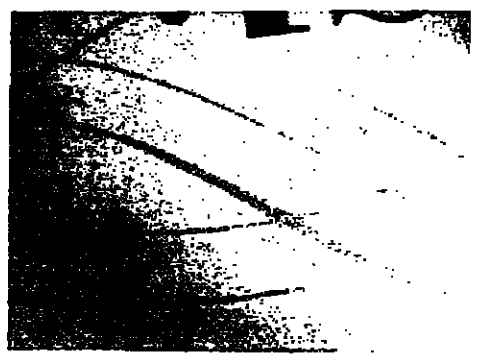

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Wimbledon Tennis Championship	23 June-6 July
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Henley Royal Regatta	2-6 July
3rd Cornhill Test Match v Australia, Old Trafford	3-7 July
The Royal Pageant of the Horse	5 July
Hampton Court Palace International Flower Show	9-13 July
British Grand Prix, Silverstone	13 July
Glorious Goodwood	29 July-2 August
Cowes Week	2-9 August
Blenheim International Three Day Event	4-7 September

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CHAMPAGNE OF THE SEASON

Clarke's bouncers no match for Lilley's straight bat

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

KENNETH CLARKE looked in on the Tories yesterday afternoon — and showed them what they had missed. Bouncing to his feet with a wave of notes he never bothered to consult, he waded into yesterday's Budget *with such total confidence* that, as he spoke, you could see the Tory benches looking up in new-found hope that their own official line might actually be right, after all.

"*You could have had me,*" shone through every line. "We could have had him."

rose in almost-visible *thinks* bubbles from some regretful heads on the Conservative benches.

He never stoops to conquer. He may lack rhetorical flourish, but conveys a philosophical integrity rare at *Westminster. Listening, you* learn something. Criticising the previous afternoon's Budget, Lilley took MPs through three substantial arguments which, if you concentrated, *seemed hard to fault.*

He never overstated. He avoided cheap shots. He conceded strengths in his opponents' argument. By the end of his speech you could believe that Tory concern about pension funds was more than a political try-on.

What so distinguishes Mr Lilley from almost all his *colleagues is that there appears* to be no trace of the charlatan in his make-up.

Perhaps "charlatan" is too harsh. It misses the affectionate tone this sketch means to *convey. Nobody who knows* the Commons would expect a spokesman or minister to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Front benches take each other with a pinch of salt, and evasion and exaggeration are part of the currency of debate.

So when I say that almost every other heavyweight on *both the Labour and the Tory* front bench is an acknowledged charlatan, the term carries no moral disapproval. Robin Cook's magnificent simulated scorn in debate; the wink behind Michael Howard's posturing; Tony Blair's public quack evangelism and private flick-knife; William Hague's Oxford *Union swagger ... Westminster* would be the poorer without any of this, and nobody who knows is really fooled. It may be that, lacking it, Mr Lilley will never quite hit the political stride his intellect deserves.

Time and again the rhythm of his speech yesterday was spoiled by its thoughtfulness. He would pause or stammer, reconsider or rephrase where he felt a statement needed qualification.

But you cannot help admiring a man who, after all these years at Westminster, and after a long spell in a senior Cabinet post, and with everything he must know about politics and the news media, can still give primacy to the *argument. I fell to thinking* how underrated Lilley was.

Then in bowled Kenneth Clarke. With style, humour and a carefree wave, he knocked the Budget about. He mocked the newly elected Labour MPs. "You've only got to say the word 'billions' to them and they wave their Order Papers." He derided the Chancellor's call upon funds from the Contingency Reserve. "What happens if a contingency occurs?" He poured scorn on Mr Brown's shift of interest-rate control to *the Bank of England ...*

And Tam Dalyell lumbered to his feet. Would Clarke "satisfy my curiosity?" Would he confirm that, when Chancellor, he too had wanted to give more independence to the Bank of England?

Aha! Clarke ducked. He wouldn't say. What a laugh! Ho, ho, ho!

And, for all his hesitations, I saw again the merit in Mr Lilley.

Workshy young face huge cut in benefits

Staying at home is no longer an option for jobless, reports **Jill Sherman**

YOUNG unemployed people who turn down a place on the Government's Welfare-to-Work scheme will lose their *full benefit for up to a month* under sanctions unveiled by David Blunkett yesterday.

The Education and Employment Secretary disclosed that the Government had decided to go ahead with what amounts to a "workfare" scheme, with harsher penalties than suggested by Labour before the general election.

People aged 18 to 24 who refuse one of four options under the New Deal unveiled by Gordon Brown during his Budget will now have their full benefit of £38.95 stopped for two weeks if they refuse a place without "just cause".

They will then go back on benefit until they are offered an alternative option. If they refuse this they will have their benefit docked for a month. That penalty will be repeated each subsequent time they refuse a job or training offer.

The four options offered to young people unemployed for six months will be: a job with a private firm where employers will receive a £60-a-week rebate for six months; work with a 50,000-strong environmental taskforce; a six-month placement in the voluntary sector or full-time education or training.

If a person turns down one of the options the case will be referred to an Employment Service adjudicator to decide if there is "just cause" for the refusal. If there is not, benefit will stop immediately.

Before the general election Mr Brown said that workshy young people would only lose 40 per cent of benefit, but even this was strongly opposed by some members of the then Shadow Cabinet.

Mr Brown, however, is determined to have an effective stick and carrot approach. On Wednesday he made clear that there will be no fifth option — staying at home on full benefit.

Mr Blunkett said yesterday that people could claim hardship payments if they were ill and came off the scheme temporarily. In such cases 40 per cent of benefit would be docked. If they had dependents they would only lose their personal allowance, but payments to cover wives or children would continue.

Ministers are also aiming to impose penalties against employers who may take on a young unemployed person, to get £60 a week under the programme, and then sack existing workers.

Employers will have to sign a declaration when they hire someone under the Welfare-to-Work programme, which will be closely monitored by the Employment Service. Andrew Smith, Education and Employment Minister, called the penalties "tough but fair". The programme balanced rights and responsibilities.

Those taken on by private firms will be paid a wage, while those taken on by a voluntary or environmental group will receive a grant of up to £400 (usually about £16 a week over six months) plus an allowance equivalent to their benefit.

David Blunkett unveiled a scheme with tougher penalties than originally planned by Labour

Tories complain of Finance Bill 'rush'

THE Government was accused by the Tories last night of trying to "railroad" its Budget measures through the Commons.

Ann Taylor, Leader of the Commons, announced that the second reading of the Finance Bill would be next Thursday, just three days after the last day of the Budget debate. The Government hopes to get all the Bill's stages through by the summer recess.

But the Tories claimed that this allowed no time for consultation with financial and business experts. Shadow ministers accused Labour of trying to rush through measures in three weeks which normally took eight to ten.

Pension schemes count the cost of Brown's raid

By Anne Ashworth

GORDON BROWN'S most lucrative tax-raising measure *was the abolition of the dividend tax credit.* The £20 billion BT pension scheme, which has 370,000 members, has already said the move will cost it £90 million a year. But the 19 million other individuals also putting money aside for their retirement also suffer.

DIVIDEND TAX CREDIT

Q: Why will the abolition of the dividend tax credit reduce my pension?

A: The Chancellor's decision to end the 20 per cent dividend tax credit will deprive pension funds of some £3.6 billion of income every year. To make *good the loss, we will each* need to contribute an extra *£190 a year to our pensions,* according to Chantrey Vellacott, the accountants. Mike Wadsworth of Watson Wyatt, the actuarial firm, calculates that the abolition of the *dividend tax credit will reduce the* value of the average pension fund by *13 per cent* over a 20-year period.

Q: Will all those saving in pensions suffer?

A: Anyone now saving for their retirement will be affected. *Worst hit will be the seven* million people with personal pensions who are self-employed or in jobs without pensions. They must either increase their contributions, *or risk lower final payouts.*

Liberty International, a life insurance company, calculates that 30-year-olds now paying £100 a month into personal pensions must now increase their payments by £20. Members of final salary pension schemes, the traditional type of company pension fund, will enjoy a *measure of protection.* New rules will oblige companies to pay extra cash into funds if they cannot meet liabilities.

Q: I am about to retire. Surely I am not affected?

A: *You could also be a victim* of Mr Brown's pension fund raid. Those with personal pensions and members of occupational pension schemes must use their pension fund to *buy an annuity which provides* their income in retirement. To replace the lost dividend tax credit income, pension funds will buy more bonds and gilts. This will cause gilt prices to rise, leading to a decline in their yields. Annuity rates are governed by gilt yields. Low gilt yields mean poor annuity deals. Some insurance companies in the annuity business are already dropping their rates.

Q: Does all this mean I should find another way to save for my retirement?

A: *Pensions remain a tax-efficient way of saving,* despite the disappearance of the dividend tax credit. The Chancellor left pension tax reliefs on individuals' contributions untouched. *Employees can contribute up to 15 per cent of their* income tax-free to a pension scheme. Those with personal pension can pay in from 17.5 per cent to 40 per cent of their earnings depending on age.

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NHS gets its biggest building scheme

By A Staff Reporter

THE Budget announcement of £1.3 billion building programme is the biggest since *the foundation of the National Health Service.* Fourteen hospitals have been given the go-ahead to carry out building work under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

Developments will be paid for out of private funds and leased back to the NHS. The decision was attacked by union chiefs. Bob Abberley, head of health for Unison, the country's biggest union, said: "PFI is an expensive experiment doomed to failure.

"Britain desperately needs new hospitals run by the public, not the private sector. PFI is simply a scheme for 'build now, pay later'. This is hospitals on hire purchase."

PFI, brought in five years ago by the Tory Government, was originally criticised by Labour as creeping privatisation. But the new Government has embraced the approach, bringing in guidelines to make sure schemes meet their targets.

Alan Milburn, Minister of State for Health, said the overwhelming majority of hospitals would be funded in this way in future. "We have been genuinely shocked by the dilapidated state of our hospitals and building work is long overdue," he said. "*We want to see new hospitals being built, but with a* limited amount of public-sector money, it is PFI or bust."

Twelve hospital trusts were given permission yesterday today to carry out building work: North Durham, South Buckinghamshire, Calderdale, Carlisle, Hereford, Wellhouse in north London, Worcester, Bishop Auckland, South Manchester, South Tees, *Swindon and Bromley.* Work will also be carried at Norwich and Dartford, whose schemes have already been given the go-ahead. Building is expected to start *within the next 18 months.*

Twenty-nine schemes will be shelved. Mr Milburn said: "For those schemes not selected for this wave, there will be inevitable disappointment. *But it is not the end of* the road for them.

"They will now be eligible for consideration as part of a prioritisation exercise which will recommend those which should go forward either as part of the next tranche of PFI schemes which we plan to announce in spring next year, or from the public sector capital that is available."

The solicitors Beachcroft Stanleys, advisers for five of the new schemes, welcomed the Government announcement. Barry Francis, head of the projects department, said: "This is tremendous news for the NHS, our clients and the professional teams involved.

"With the Government firmly behind the public-private partnership process and the introduction of the NHS Private Finance Bill, all parties involved can now *focus on meeting the Government's* target within 18 months, if not sooner for some schemes."

Mr Dobson said that the decision to pay with private capital would lessen the burden on the Treasury. He said: "Each of the proposals represents good value for money and will reduce the bill to the taxpayer."

Hamilton challenges censure in sleaze report

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was also found to have "deliberately misled" his then boss, Michael Heseltine, about his relationship with the political lobbyist, Ian Greer. But Mr Hamilton said he found the report perplexing.

"He [Sir Gordon] found me, extraordinarily, guilty of taking money from Mr Fayed but he cannot say when the money was paid, how much was paid, why it was paid and where the money went," Mr Hamilton told the BBC. The only evidence, he claimed, was the word of Mr Al Fayed's employees.

Mr Hamilton said: "He's come down against me but I still vigorously deny that I received any money for doing anything on behalf of House of Fraser. The flimsy evidence which I have just described is the basis on which I appear to have been convicted. I contest anything in Sir Gordon's report which condemns me for any act of impropriety or dishonesty — I will be making a full response."

Sir Gordon's strictures against Mr Smith are also devastating. He had admitted receiving payments but lost track of the total amount received. He was criticised not just because he had not declared the payments in the Commons register but also because he chose not to do so because that was the preference of his Harrods paymaster.

Mr Smith, whose future as an accountant looks uncertain, said last night: "I am very sorry that my conduct, as Sir Gordon Downey has described it, fell well below the standards expected of MPs. I can only say in my defence that it seemed less obvious at the time than it does with the benefit of hindsight what was the right course of action to take."

Mr Al Fayed issued a statement saying the MPs should have declared the payments he made to them to pursue his interests in parliament.

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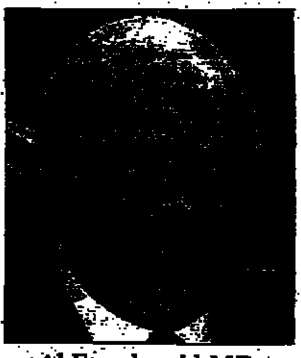

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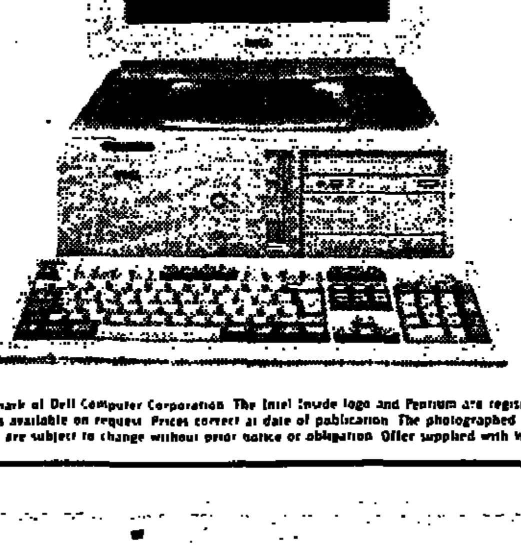

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Perfect wife to contribute to success

Husband's fortune eased judge's task

By Robin Young and Adrian Lee

LADY CAROLINE CONRAN'S DIVORCE SETTLEMENT

	£ million
Belgravia home	1.1
New home in France	0.9
Lump sum	5.3
Dorset home	0.8
Jewellery, cars etc.	0.4
Share of liquid capital	2.0
TOTAL	£10.5m

SIR TERENCE CONRAN did not give enough credit for his family and business successes to his wife of 33 years, Mr Justice Wilson, the divorce judge, said in his 26-page judgment.

The Conrans had little when they married but her contribution to the relationship was outstanding, even though he might not recognise that, he said.

"It can be difficult for a man with a healthy ego who has achieved a vertiginous success *to look down and discern* a contribution other than his own," he remarked of Sir Terence, who was knighted in 1983.

Caroline Herbert and Terence Conran met in 1961. He was 29 and still married to his second wife, Shirley. She was 22 and working full-time as home editor for *House & Garden*. Needing a home in London, she went to stay as a lodger with the cash-strapped Conrans, who were then living in Primrose Hill.

A year later Shirley had left, to continue her own career as a journalist and bestselling novelist commanding million-pound advances.

Sir Terence, whose head was buzzing with ideas for his small company designing and manufacturing office furniture, had found a new partner in Caroline. "She was beautiful, creative and instinctively stylish. The husband whose business ideas were a dominant part of his life and who liked to ventilate them just as much around the kitchen table as his office, could hardly have chosen a wife better able to contribute to their germination," the judge said.

Sir Terence had already founded and sold his Soup Kitchen restaurants, conceived as eating places serving decent food to students.

He then became intent on a career as a designer. When Sir Terence and Caroline married in March 1963 his wedding present to her was a 26 per cent stake in the design company, Conran and Co. The judge remarked: "As he said, he had little else at that time."

The year after their marriage Conran launched Habitat, his bright, smart shop selling furniture and stylish, though often inexpensive, household accessories. With £200 provided by her father, his wife subscribed for a one-eighth share in the new company, Habitat Designs Ltd.

Almost immediately after Habitat opened in Fulham Road, and hard upon the birth of her first son, she started work as buyer of kitchenware for the new shop, a position she held until 1967. She had natural flair in identifying kitchen equipment and fabrics which became a key part of Habitat's stock.

Mr Justice Wilson found: "She was drawn to the creative side of her husband's businesses, particularly in the area of food, kitchen equipment and design. In these areas she was almost as full of ideas as her husband. The husband's friends were his colleagues in business. He brought them home. The wife cooked a superb supper; or he did so himself. Fine wine was drunk. At these times there were lengthy, energetic discussions about current projects and wife was a full participator."

In 1968, when Caroline Conran was appointed food correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, Habitat merged with a public company to form Ryman Conran Ltd, a merger that lasted only 18 months. When their shares in that company were sold in 1971 the couple made more than £1 million.

Back in Sir Terence's ownership, Habitat flourished. During the 1970s Lady Conran was largely occupied bringing up her three children and two stepsons, but she was also established as one of the most influential food journalists in Britain.

Lady Conran, the judge said, had the parental role cast "with unusual weight" on her shoulders, because her husband was so engrossed in the businesses.

"Notwithstanding the husband's vehement denial," the judge concluded, her role as a cookery writer "represented an important contribution by the wife to the public perception that linked him with fine food. Her renewed links with journalism enabled the wife to introduce to the husband other food journalists and indeed journalists in the field of design who, captivated by his charm and energy and by the quality of his products, wrote glowingly of him and them."

In 1975 the couple bought a house in Berkshire where the stable block was converted into a design studio and workshop. The house is now worth £1.7 million. The judge found that Lady Conran's contention that the Berkshire home was "a sort of conference centre" was only slightly exaggerated. "There was a boardroom above the kitchen and . . . directors' meetings as well as other meetings were regularly held there . . . In the evenings the husband would relax with his friends and colleagues, and with the wife; and would, as in the early days, discuss business around the kitchen table over a fine meal."

The judge also noted Lady Conran's other "partly unacknowledged" contributions, on trips abroad, in restaurant menus, in restaurant decoration, and in the design of artefacts for manufacture by her husband's woodworking enterprise.

"When everything in this section is added together," the judge concluded, "the wife's energy was almost as prodigious as that of the husband; and her contribution to the family in every sense of the word was outstanding."

In 1981 Habitat was floated on the Stock Exchange and in 1982 merged with Mothercare. In 1986 there was a further merger with British Home Stores to form Storehouse.

In 1983 the Conrans were able to buy a 200-acre property in Provence. Lady Conran paid the deposit of £60,000 on the £300,000 purchase price. Sir Terence reckoned to have spent £650,000 on renovations and improvement. The property is now valued at £2.2 million.

In 1983, Lady Conran fell ill with cancer. Mr Justice Wilson noted: "She underwent a series of major operations and fought the illness with courage and ultimate success. Predictably she emerged from it with different enthusiasms. She became a counsellor, and later obtained a degree in psychology at the Open University; and she studied painting."

In 1986, she sold shares to buy a house in Dorset as a bolthole. The judge noted: "Not surprisingly the husband was taken aback that she bought it without reference to him." Lady Conran's choice is now reckoned to be worth £800,000.

In 1987 Sir Terence opened his first modern restaurant, Bibendum, in the Michelin Building on Fulham Road, on which he had bought a lease in 1985 to house his Conran Shop and his acquisitive publishing concern Conran Octopus, but in 1990 he suffered a reverse after disagreements with Michael Julien, the newly appointed chief executive of Storehouse. Sir Terence was forced to retire from the company, and had to sell his shares for only a third of what they had been worth. That still brought him close to £20 million, while Lady Conran's remaining shares fetched her about £1 million. Habitat was bought by the Swedish furniture flatpackers, Ikea.

Sir Terence retained the Conran Shop, and his own creative energy which he devoted through a private company, Conran Holdings Ltd, to opening new restaurants and shops. In October 1991, on his 60th birthday, he opened Le Pont de la Tour in Southwark, followed by Blueprint Cafe, La Cantina, and the Butler's Wharf Chophouse. Conran Shops opened in Paris and Tokyo. In 1993 he reopened the historic Quaglino's off Piccadilly. There followed the 600-seater £6 million Mezzo complex in Soho and the lavish conversion of the old Bluebird garage in King's Road, Chelsea.

Meanwhile the marriage had finally broken down after frequent and obvious infidelities. Lady Conran left their home in Berkshire in March 1993. Sir Terence vacated the house in Eaton Square, Belgravia, which the couple had bought in 1981, so that she could have it as her London base. The current estimate of the 69-year lease remaining on that house is £1.1 million.

Lady Conran was granted an uncontested decree nisi in June last year.

Lady Conran's personal wealth before yesterday's settlement was reckoned to be £5.7 million. Sir Terence was estimated to have assets of £80 million but claimed that they had more than doubled since the couple's separation. His annual income is £400,000, and the judge noted: "In many respects the size of the husband's fortune eases my task."

Lady Conran claimed a lump sum of £8.7 million, which would have given her a total of £13 million. Sir Terence offered £2.5 million.

By agreement Lady Conran is to have sole ownership of the house in Eaton Square, while Sir Terence will take sole ownership of the houses in Berkshire and Provence. The judge allowed £900,000 for Lady Conran's purchase of a new home in France, and accepted in part a "dramatic increase" in her suggested annual budget, agreeing to a total of £230,000 a year, where she had asked for £319,000 and Sir Terence had suggested £185,000. The judge calculated the capital figure required to enable Lady Conran to spend £230,000 a year as £3.2 million.

The Conrans in the kitchen, where the lengthy and energetic discussions on business projects would flow over fine wine and food

THE CONRAN WIVES

THE thrice-married Sir Terence has a current girlfriend, but no plans to tie the knot again.

In 1952 he waited for his flatmate Brenda Davison's boyfriend to go abroad before proposing marriage. They split up the same year, when the boyfriend returned.

In 1955 he married Shirley, a waitress at a Chelsea coffee shop, but they were divorced seven years later. She is now a bestselling author who lives in Monaco. They have two sons, Sebastian and Jasper.

Sir Terence met Caroline, his third wife, when she became a lodger at his house in Primrose Hill, northwest London. They were married in 1963 and they have two sons, Tom and Ned, and a daughter, Sophie.

He now lives with Victoria Davis, 40, an interior designer from Cheshire, who moved into his Berkshire mansion after her marriage to a property developer failed.

THE JUDGE

THE man who made the multimillion-pound award to Lady Conran is known as a champion of legal rights for women. Mr Justice Wilson was the youngest judge in the Family Division when appointed five years ago, aged 47. He is the only judge to have two racehorses, Nick the Brief and Nick the Beak, named in his honour.

Besides a love of racing and a flamboyant streak, he has earned a reputation for a commonsense approach to legal matters. He is a believer in better deals for unmarried women who find themselves, after the break-up of long relationships, without satisfactory legal rights.

"The law as it stands at the moment gives such women virtually nothing. I don't think that's right," said the judge, who has been married for 23 years and has a son and a daughter. During 26 years at the family Bar, he specialised in the financial side of marital break-up and often acted in high-profile cases for the likes of Bill Wyman, Ringo Starr and Bianca Jagger.

Of his elevation to judge, he said: "It's wonderful to be above the argument; to look down on all the confrontation. Obviously there are harrowing, heart-wrenching cases. But I find the role I have now gives me more peace of mind and more satisfaction. At the Bar the client paid you large sums to win and, if you didn't, you had failed. That pressure at least has gone.

"*It* is replaced by the pressure of often agonising decisions involving human situations. As a judge you are there to expound the law. There is a temptation to slip in a reference to your own prejudices. But you must draw back."

THE SOLICITOR

THE solicitor who represented Lady Conran was working in her first divorce case with such a high profile.

Erica Shelton, 40, is a matrimonial specialist of Rooks Rider, in Clerkenwell, central London. She had been retained by Lady Conran about 18 months ago after she had been advised by a divorced friend to consult her.

Mrs Shelton is a graduate of London University. She qualified as a solicitor in 1984 and has risen to her present position of head of her company's family law department. She has been married for ten years and has a four-year-old son, Edward.

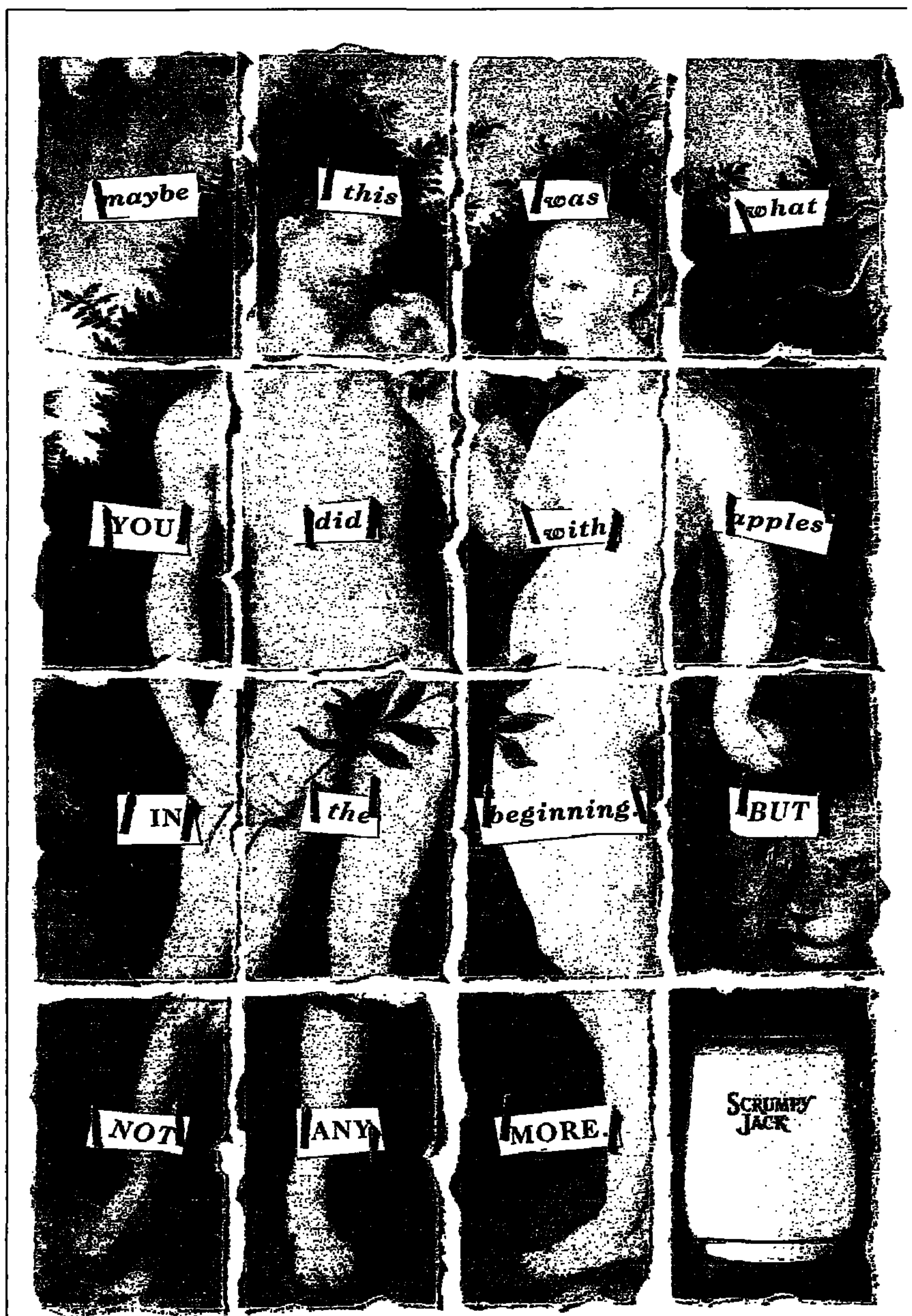
The Conran case represents a major triumph. The judge, in addition to awarding Lady Conran a sizeable sum for her "reasonable requirements", has also ordered Sir Terence to make a suitable contribution to account for the part Lady Conran had played in both the welfare of his family and the success of his business.

WHAT THE JUDGE SAID

On Lady Conran: "She was beautiful and, like the husband, creative, energetic and instinctively stylish . . . the wife's energy was almost as prodigious as that of her husband's; and her contribution to the welfare of the family in every sense was outstanding."

On Sir Terence: "It can be difficult for a man with a healthy ego who has achieved vertiginous success to look down and discern a contribution other than his own."

Lady Conran's bolthole in Dorset, Bettiscombe Manor, to which she moved when the marriage finally ended



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Girl heard argument at site of 'road rage murder'

Child tells court of two fierce voices: one a man's, one soft, **Joanna Bale** reports

A NINE-YEAR-OLD girl clutching a teddy bear became a key witness in the trial of Tracie Andrews yesterday when she described hearing two people arguing at the murder scene.

The girl, who cannot be named, gave 37 minutes of videotaped evidence, in which she described a long and fierce argument between a man and a person with a "softer voice" at the time that Miss Andrews is alleged to have stabbed her fiancé, Lee Harvey, in a country lane. Miss Andrews, 28, who denies murder, has claimed that Mr Harvey, 25, died as a result of a "road rage" incident on December 1 last year.

The girl, who said she was woken up by the argument, was in bed at a cottage next to the murder scene in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester. Her mother was downstairs watching television with a friend.

The girl's taped interview was shown to a packed courtroom at Birmingham Crown Court. The girl, wearing a navy blue school uniform, appeared to be relaxed, often smiling at the policewoman interviewing her. However, the court was told earlier that she had been traumatised by the murder and had difficulty sleeping.

After reassuring the girl that she was not in trouble and that her mother was in a room next to the police video suite, the policewoman said: "Tell me about what you heard." She answered articulately in a well-spoken voice: "I woke up ... I heard some people talking outside. It sounded like two people. There was definitely a man because he was shouting. It sounded as if he was arguing."

Playing with the teddy bear's ears, she went on: "I could hear Mummy and Richard talking downstairs and watching television. There was clapping [on the television]."

The girl described how the argument continued as she got out of bed and went to the lavatory. She said: "I went back to my room. I could hear the arguing. The man sounded quite fierce. It sounded like he was trying to be really fierce to the other person."

Tracie Andrews arriving at the courthouse yesterday

As Miss Andrews sat in the dock looking at the floor, the rest of the court watched as the policewoman asked the girl if she remembered what day this happened. She said: "I don't know what the day was. It was the day that *it* happened."

The policewoman asked: "What?" She replied: "The murder."

The girl went on to say that one of the people she heard in the road outside her bedroom window was a man. She was not sure if the other was a man or a woman because the voice was soft. She said: "Whoever it was was shouting, but it was quite a soft voice ... you couldn't tell if it was a man's voice or a woman's voice."

The prosecution declined to cross-examine the girl by video link as she waited in a different room within the court building. Ronald Thwaites, QC, said: "After having seen the mother, I don't want to trouble this child."

Earlier the girl's mother told the court that her daughter had been traumatised by the aftermath of the murder as police and journalists called at the cottage and flowers laid by grieving relatives served as a constant reminder of the incident. She became frightened to go to bed alone, and often preferred to fall asleep downstairs and be carried up to bed.

The mother said: "She has certainly been very frightened by this ... it still obviously is on her mind." She added: "I have had to go to the doctor on several occasions. She certainly wasn't herself for some time afterwards."

The trial continues.

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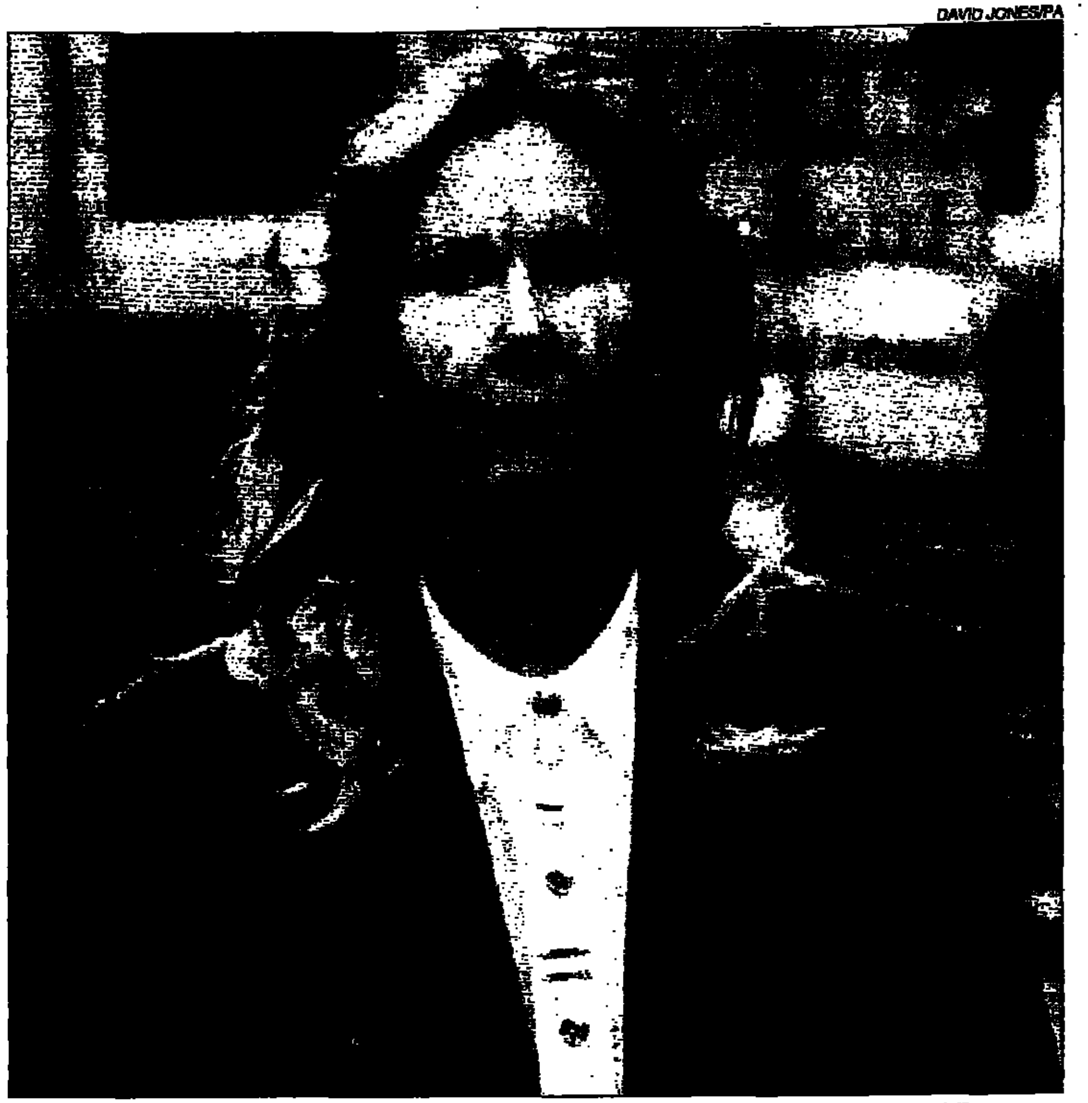

Susan Duncan, who lived near by, questioned Tracie Andrews about the alleged killers

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Witness says she doubted tale of attack

TRACIE ANDREWS was questioned about her fiancé's murder minutes after it happened by a former detective constable who lived near by.

Susan Duncan told the court that she had suspicions from the start about Miss Andrews's version of events because she had not been able to give her a detailed description of the car involved in the "road rage" incident in which she alleged that Lee Harvey died. Yet when the police arrived several minutes later Miss Andrews could tell them the car's make and colour and describe its passenger.

Mrs Duncan, who is now a solicitor, was one of the first people at the scene. Describing Miss Andrews, she told the court: "She was covered in blood. It was all over her face, all over her hair, all down her top."

Mrs Duncan, who left West Midlands Police seven years ago, told the court: "Miss Andrews said that she had been to the pub with her boyfriend. She said that Lee had had an argument with some other men. She said that Lee had cut one of these men up, that he stopped the car, and that he shouldn't have.

"She told him not to get out, but he did, and the next thing she said was that she put her hand to her face and there was blood everywhere. What she said sounded very disjointed."

Mrs Duncan, who said she had often interviewed witnesses during her police career, then asked Miss Andrews six questions. She told the court: "I asked her if she had seen the colour of the vehicle. She said, 'No'. I asked her if she had seen the make of the car. She said, 'No'. I asked her if she had seen any part of the registration number. She said, 'No'. There was nothing about the vehicle she could recollect.

"I also asked her about the men. I asked her if she knew them. She said, 'No'. I asked her if she had ever seen them before. She said, 'No'. I asked her if she heard any names being used by these men. She said, 'No'."

But when the police arrived, Miss Andrews was able to give detailed descriptions. Mrs Duncan said: "I heard her tell the police that the other vehicle was a black Sierra and she was also adamant that the person responsible for assaulting Mr Harvey was the passenger and she gave a description of the passenger." Mrs Duncan said she considered it strange and remarked on it to a police officer.

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Parker Bowles 'orchestrated royal wedding'

By Carol Midgley, Media Correspondent

THE marriage of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer was partly orchestrated by Camilla Parker Bowles as a way of continuing her own relationship with the Prince, a close friend has told a television documentary.

Charles Benson, who has known Mrs Parker Bowles for 30 years, said she hoped that by encouraging the romance she could be friends with both parties. He added that Mrs Parker Bowles, who is godmother to Mr Benson's daughter, should now be entitled to marry the Prince and be called Princess Camilla.

The documentary, *Camilla*, is to be screened on Channel 5 on Sunday night.

Mrs Parker Bowles was reported to be deeply distressed that private video footage of her addressing a charity dinner had been leaked to the documentary which will show her speaking on television for the first time.

But yesterday Christopher Wilson, the author and narrator of the film, insisted Mrs Parker Bowles knew Mr Benson was involved in it and did not object. He had been assured that she was not upset about the video footage of her speaking at the headquarters of the National Osteoporosis Society, of which she is a patron.

Mr Wilson said: "She is godmother to Charles Benson's daughter, and Charles's ex-wife is godmother to Camilla's son Tom. They are still good friends."

Asked about her involvement in the royal wedding, Mr Benson tells the programme: "She certainly did encourage it, and I would say was very largely instrumental in the whole thing.

"I think she saw herself as doing everybody a good turn and in some ways, in her position as an ongoing, very, very unusually close friend to Prince Charles, she probably saw it as a good chance of them all continuing as friends, particularly if she encouraged it.

"That's the logical conclusion that any of us might make."

He adds: "I think they are entitled to each other. They've had all the hell, why should they not have some pleasure?"

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Camilla Parker Bowles, subject of an hour-long documentary on Channel 5

BA 'hopeful' of ending airport catering dispute

Breakthrough as airline promises to protect staff privileges

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

BRITISH AIRWAYS was last night "optimistic" that a package of proposals aimed at ending the dispute involving catering staff at Heathrow would be accepted.

More than two days of talks ended last night with BA agreeing to protect all privileges for staff and their families after the catering unit had been sold off to an outside company — a key sticking point in earlier negotiations.

Other proposals included a pro-rata share of BA profits, options to buy shares, no compuslory redundacies and the chance of applying for permanent jobs within BA.

The package was considered at a mass meeting of the catering unit which BA wants to sell off. They have now decided to consider it overnight and will respond within the next few days.

"This is an excellent package" said BA chief executive Bob Ayling last night. "I would urge employees to talk to their family and their friends and they will recongise that this deal is in the best interests of them, their colleaguyes our customers and our airline."

Moreover, pressure was mounting on British Airways cabin crew last night to call off their threat of industrial action. All 7,500 members of BASSA, a Transport and General Workers Union offshoot, received a letter from a former senior official of the union warning that they were in danger of committing "industrial suicide" by threatening to walk out at the peak of the summer holiday season.

Malcolm Falconer, who for many years was a leading official of BASSA (British Airlines Stewards and Stewardesses Association), said that the strike call was the result of "mis-calculated decision and arrogant intransigence on the part of BASSA officials."

He warned striking was no solution and that it was being called only to ensure the "integrity and future of BASSA itself".

"It is time some of us put our heads above the parapet and took some responsibility for resolving this industrial mess for the future," he wrote.

"Take time to reflect. There are other ways that are a lot less harmful in the long term than a strike. Go to war on this one if you want, but with the BASSA leadership in disarray and a disunited workforce with no agreed goals to be achieved, my measured opinion is that you will be committing industrial suicide."

At the same time the breakaway union Cabin Crew 89 claimed a continuing flood of new members and urged the TGWU to work with its members towards a solution. "It will be a tragedy for all cabin crew if this strike goes ahead," said Jim Welsh, general secretary of Cabin Crew 89.

The bigger union, BASSA, had called regular strikes every 18 months he said and seemed determined to find a reason to strike. "They have called more strikes than Arthur Scargill ever did," said Mr Welsh.

British Airways, meanwhile, put forward a proposal to end the cabin crew dispute to Acas which included a cast iron guarantee that no staff member would be worse off under the proposed new salary structure.

Aid pledge for flood victims

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE Government promised aid to Moray last night as farmers and householders counted the cost of flood damage.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said: "Although the extent of the damage is still being assessed, it is clear there has been widespread devastation." He said he was activating the Bellwin Scheme, governing council spending in big-scale emergencies. This means Moray council will pay the first £162,000 of its additional costs, but the Government will pick up 85 per cent of the bill above that.

About 1,200 people made homeless by the flooding ventured back to their properties yesterday to see the extent of the damage, estimated to cost millions of pounds.

As the huge clean-up operation begins, more rain is forecast and high tides in the mid-evening mean that the danger of further flooding remains a possibility.

John Summers, the council's director of technical and leisure services, said the main problem was 21 landslides that have blocked two roads and caused subsidence. Six families at Phorp, near Forres, have been cut off after the only bridge was washed away. Another two bridges in the area are causing concern.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Videotapes of the Hillsborough football disaster, from cameras under police control, are not missing (report, June 27), but have been securely kept and were made available to Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry and to the inquest on the victims.

☐ Sir John Walley's letter (July 1) referred to a Bill prepared under Ramsay MacDonald's Government for a 48-hour week, not 40 as printed.

☐ Sir Desmond Pitcher and Brian Staples, chairman and chief executive respectively of United Utilities, did not receive bonuses in 1997, contrary to a report yesterday.

Professor K. McConkey

A report (June 10) on proceedings brought by Peter Nahum against Royal Holloway and Bedford New College incorrectly stated that Professor Kenneth McConkey, Dean of Art and Design at the University of Northumbria, had received commission on the sale of a Constable painting. As subsequent evidence made clear, Professor McConkey did not receive any commission. We apologise for the embarrassment caused.

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Doctors want to set Hippocrates to verse

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

DOCTORS have begun a search for a poet who can set pulses racing with a updated version of the medical oath that will ring down the centuries and inspire all who enter the profession.

They want an injection of drama from the Muses after deciding that a draft revision of the 2,500-year-old Hippocratic oath, prepared by their ethics committee, was too long, boring, prosaic and sounded like ... well, something written by a committee.

The finished work must translate intelligibly into every known language, must not be dull and must set out the basic principles that should guide a good doctor's life. The challenge was issued at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association yesterday after Dr Mark Porter, a junior anaesthetist at Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry called the new oath, produced after two years' labour, a disaster. "An oath to be taken by millions of doctors down the centuries surely needs translating into poetry as a ringing declaration of principle," he said.

The association had spent £21,000 redesigning its logo and the only obvious change was that the background had changed from a square to a circle. "If we can spend that sort of money on that sort of thing, surely we can spend half that amount to engage a poet and get him to produce a proper version," he added.

The Hippocratic Oath starts by swearing to "Apollo the physician, and Aesculapius and Health, and All-heal and all the gods and goddesses" that the doctor will follow a system for the benefit of his patients, abstain from mischievous behaviour and will pass life in purity and holiness. Producing abortions and giving deadly medicines are not allowed. Confidentiality is crucial. Seduction of females or males, freemen or slaves is forbidden.

The ethics committee had been asked to draw up a replacement oath by the World Medical Association, which wanted an up-to-date wording that could be used internationally. The draft version of the new oath is nearly three times as long as the old, beginning ringingly with "The practice of medicine is a privilege which carries important responsibilities".

"Core values" and patients' rights crop up among the modern jargon. It accepts that abortion can be legal "within an ethical and legal framework". Doctors are expected to help patients "with limited mental awareness".

Confidentiality is still important, but the draft allows for the possibility that it might not be possible to guarantee it. Doctors are meant to oppose policies which breach human rights and must promise to change laws which are contrary to patients interests.

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the association, who quoted Burns to back his argument against euthanasia in another debate, liked the idea of calling in a poet. "I am all for pretty writers," he said. "We should see if we could inject something into this."

Dr Hector Spiteri, a GP from Redbridge, east London, said the oath, could be summed up in two sentences: "The physician shall selflessly practise medicine for the sole benefit of the patient and shall avoid causing him harm. He shall do so with respect, integrity and compassion and without any form of prejudice. That is enough."

Lavinia Greenlaw: "Oath is for GPs who fill in forms"

OATH POEM

I will answer as truthfully as I can.
Whatever I see or hear, I will not divulge.
I will acknowledge my mistakes.
With purity and holiness will I practise my art.
I will not provide treatments that are pointless.
I will give no deadly medicine nor suggest it.
I will not put personal profit or advancement first.
I will impart a knowledge of the Art to my own sons.

By Lavinia Greenlaw, Writer-in-Residence at the Science Museum, 1995

OATH HAIKU

Seek wisdom in care; respectful healing for Life, compassionate death

By Dr Edwin Borman, consultant anaesthetist at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, former chairman of the BMA's junior doctors' committee. Haiku is a formal 17-syllable Japanese poem which is meant to encapsulate the essential aspects of an experience and encourage further thought about it.

Poets take up call to produce a new oath

By Mark Henderson

SOME of Britain's leading poets are ready to take up the BMA's challenge to improve on the bland version of the updated Hippocratic oath.

Lavinia Greenlaw, the daughter of two doctors, who was Writer-in-Residence at the Science Museum in 1995, was the first to throw her hat into the ring. She had already worked up a lyrical alternative to the new oath last night, using lines from both the old and the new ones.

"I can see why doctors today would want a more useful and relevant oath, but the BMA version is weak and troublingly provisional. Everything is 'to the best of my ability'," she said.

"It offers no inspiration because it is so bureaucratic. It is an oath for GPs who manage funds and fill in forms. The Hippocratic Oath is an emotional thing that shows the worth of medicine, and that emotion is lost in bland and equivocal language."

Dr Dannie Abse, a London GP who has published more than ten collections of poems, many with a medical theme, said he would love to have a go at improving the new oath.

"This new version is completely without spirit and cadence," he said. "I suppose the original oath may not have been poetic when it was written, but the point is that, whereas it has cadence and poetry, the present one sounds like it was written by a computer.

"Of course, today's medical students are so ignorant they may be more at home with computer-speak than poetry, anyway."

He said he agreed with the sentiments behind the new oath, but thought its good intentions did not come through in the new language. "I could have a lot of fun rewriting it."

Robert Nye, the author of *Falstaff*, who reviews poems for *The Times*, said the BMA should never have tampered with Hippocrates in the first place. "I really can't see much wrong with the original," he said. "This stuff is mealy-mouthed."

BMA rejects legal euthanasia

DOCTORS overwhelmingly opposed any idea of euthanasia yesterday after a debate in which they said they would use all their professional influence to oppose any attempt to make it legal for them to kill patients (Ian Murray writes).

Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, summed up the emotional mood of its annual conference in Edinburgh: "Our patients rightly see us as saving life and not embracing death. We should do nothing to betray their trust in that vital function."

Surendra Kumar, a GP from St Helens, Merseyside, said doctors should not be regarded like a vet to put down sick animals. They must ease suffering and not end life.

Fay Wilson, a Birmingham GP, said: "Our function is not to dispose of people. Our function is to care for them and make their lives better. Changing the law would take us down the slippery slope to an expectation that our function is to kill those whose life is not worthwhile."

Michael Stuart, a GP from Southend-on-Sea, Essex, who founded a hospice and helped to set up the Association of Palliative Care, said that during 30 years in practice he had patients who "asked me to finish them off". When he asked them if they really wanted him to come along with a syringe and end it all, they all changed their minds. He had treated patients who had been able to live for some time with a good quality of life after proper treatment to control their physical, mental and spiritual pain.

Dr Stuart said he was sometimes suspicious of the motives of relatives who asked for someone to be put out of their misery. Even though most were seriously concerned about the suffering of someone they loved, there were some who wanted to get their hands on an expected legacy.

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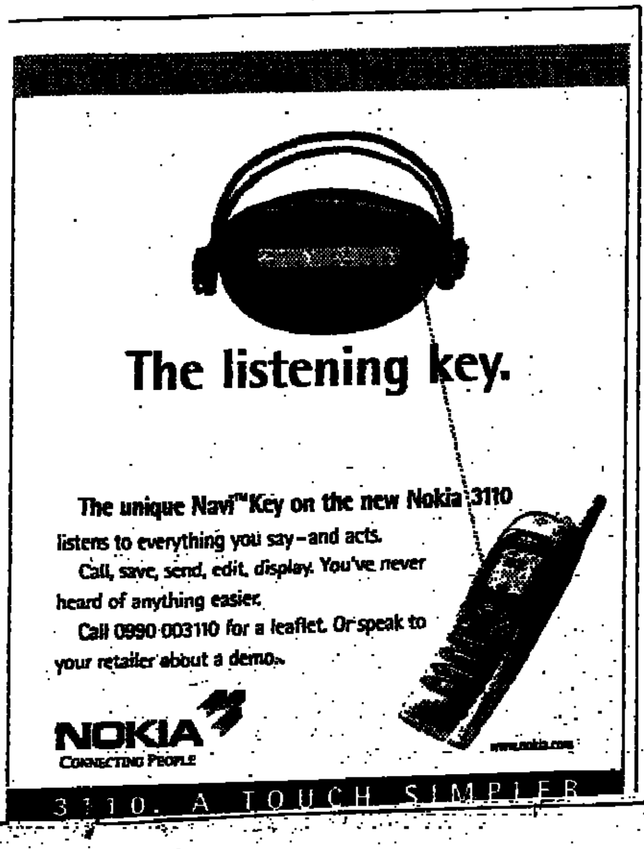
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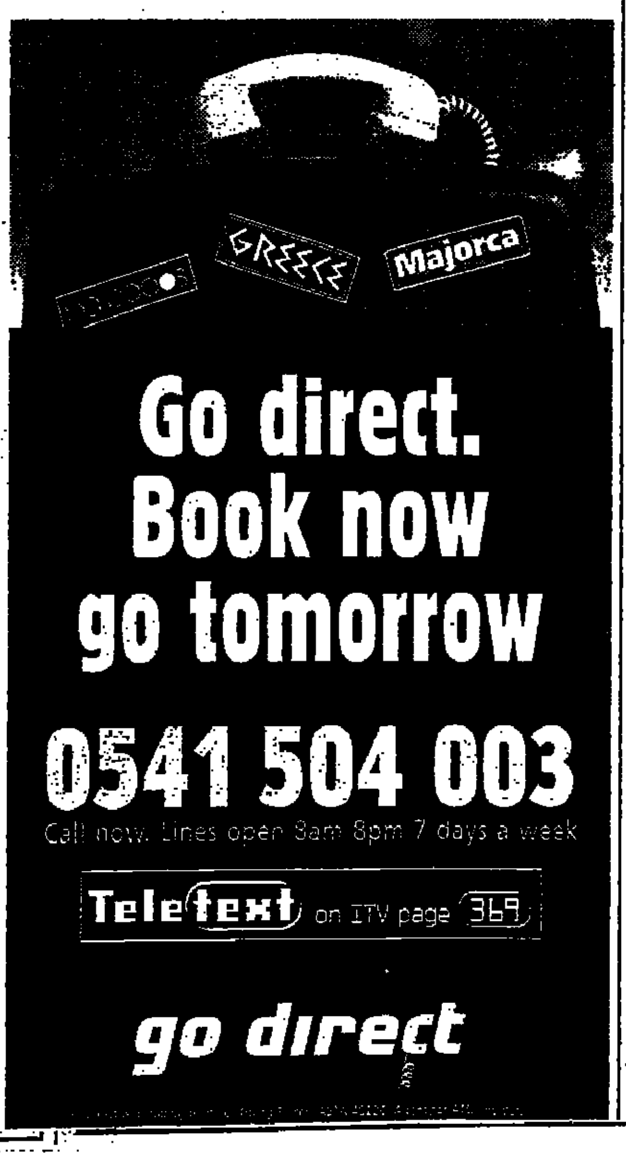

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Head teacher gave pupils test answers

Resignation after 'terrible mistake' is blamed on the pressures of combining administration and teaching. **John O'Leary** reports

THE head teacher of a primary school has resigned after admitting that he cheated in this summer's national tests by giving pupils answers in advance.

George Senk wrote to parents announcing his resignation and telling them that he had opened the science paper a week before the test and talked to a class of 11-year-olds about the questions. He had been suspended as head of Bradfield primary school, near Harwich in Essex, after confessing to test officials and governors.

The resignation comes less than a week after reports of widespread cheating prompted Estelle Morris, the Education Minister responsible for school standards, to demand an investigation by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority. She said she was "absolutely appalled" that teachers might have acted unprofessionally to improve their schools' position in league tables.

A SCAA spokeswoman said that almost 50 schools were being investigated, although most of the incidents involved individual pupils rather than suspicions of organised cheating. "Markers are asked to report any possible cases of cheating, but we do not believe it is widespread."

In his letter to parents Mr Senk, 52, said he had given the school's 13 candidates a "short quiz" on two science topics he knew would be tested. "I then realised that I had made a terrible mistake, which was caused by the extreme pressures upon me by my growing responsibilities within the school."

The 100-pupil school did not feature in this year's league table because it had too few candidates, but the current class of 11-year-olds would qualify for inclusion. Mr Senk said he did not want any of the children to be disadvantaged as they moved to secondary school.

His resignation cut short an official inquiry, which had prevented Mr Senk or the governors from making any statement on the affair.

Mr Senk, speaking from his bungalow home in Clacton-on-Sea yesterday, said: "Heads of small schools are under horrendous pressures and it has become an almost impossible task to be a teacher and an administrator. I have a staff of three and a part-time secretary and I still have to work from 7.30 in the morning until late at night."

The tests did not necessarily produce an accurate reflection of the school or the ability of its pupils, said Mr Senk, who had been head teacher at Bradfield for almost ten years. Mathematics and English papers sent to the school were not opened in advance, and all the tests had gone ahead as planned.

Mike Barnett, Essex County Council edcuation spokesman, said: "It is a very sad end to a head teacher's career. It reflects the stress he was under at the time, which was made worse by the prospect of individuals' results being published."

Mr Barnett said the information gathered in the authority's inquiry would be passed on to the Department for Education and Employment. He added that Mr Senk wished to return to schools and might become a classroom teacher.

MICHAEL POWELL

The English doctor: Anthony Minghella, British director of *The English Patient*, after receiving an honorary doctorate of literature yesterday at Hull University, where he lectured until 1981

Rules on teaching religion ignored

By David Charter

SCHOOLS with pupils from the ethnic minorities spend less time teaching Christianity in RE lessons, inspectors said yesterday. Their findings suggest that many schools are flouting the 1998 Education Act which states RE teaching should be "in the main Christian".

Research at 90 schools by Ofsted, the school inspectorate, showed the balance of faiths taught to children was significantly affected by the proportion of pupils from a non-Christian background.

One in four of the schools spent less than a third of its lessons on Christianity. One infant school in Kirklees, west Yorkshire, where all the children are Muslim, taught only about Islam.

Richard Wilkins, general secretary of the Association of Christian Teachers, said teachers were frightened of Christianity. "If the ethnic mix of a school gives the slightest excuse, Christianity will be drastically reduced."

An easy stroke diagnosis may disguise the real problem

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

ELDERLY stroke victims are not the only ones who are shamefully underinvestigated and undertreated, Anthony Clarke, medical director of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases in Bath, and consultant in charge of the neuro-rehabilitation unit at the hospital, said yesterday.

Dr Clarke, speaking at the annual meeting of the trustees of the medical charity Remedi, gave examples of middle-aged patients where the medical interest in their condition had evaporated once the diagnosis of a stroke had been made, but who in fact had responded to treatment once the correct diagnoses had been reached.

A typical case history, Dr Clarke said, was that of Sarah Jones (not her real name), who was aged 55 when she fell in her kitchen. After the fall Sarah had signs of severe brain damage and the assumption was made that she had only fallen because she had had a stroke. Paralysed, with difficulty swallowing and speaking, she was transferred to the rehabilitation unit after several weeks in an acute hospital ward.

She had no expert, or even detailed, neurological examination but when she had the appropriate scans and other routine investigations it was found that the root of her trouble was not a stroke, but a head injury. Sarah had tripped in the kitchen and hit her head so hard on the floor that it had caused enough damage to give rise to an internal hydrocephalus. In hydrocephalus there is an obstruction to the free flowing of the cerebro-spinal fluid within the brain so that the pressure within the skull rises dangerously.

Once Sarah had been fitted with a valve to allow the fluid to drain her symptoms vanished and she was able to be discharged home capable of looking after herself.

Another patient who had been misdiagnosed as a stroke victim was a 49-year-old man who on admission had signs of a generalised and severe right-sided weakness together with a loss of ability to speak. The man, although he was younger than the physician who was initially treating him, was thought to be too old to warrant extensive and expensive treatment.

It transpired that the patient had not had a stroke at all but was suffering from lupus (SLE). Inflammation of the cerebral blood vessels, which can occur in lupus, had given rise to the signs and symptoms which mimic the signs of a stroke. After treatment with steroids the patient was soon ready for discharge. One simple blood test, the ESR, usually done as a routine measure would have alerted the doctor.

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Members of the trust listening to yesterday's debate over whether to accept £40,000 sponsorship from the supermarket chain Sainsbury's. The meeting approved the deal

Baby milk deal angers mothers

Alexandra Frean reports on a rebellion at the National Childbirth Trust over sponsorship from Sainsbury's

REBEL mothers staged a mass resignation yesterday from the National Childbirth Trust, whose advocacy of deep breathing exercises and breastfeeding has transformed childbearing for two generations of mothers, in protest at a decision to accept sponsorship money.

Dozens of mothers stood up at the end of an acrimonious extraordinary general meeting and pledged to form a breakaway organisation. They were protesting at the charity's decision to accept £40,000 from the supermarket Sainsbury's, which sells its own brand of baby milk.

They argued that the link with the supermarket chain compromised the NCT's integrity as an independent source of advice for young mothers, and undermined its "breast is best" philosophy. They also claimed that the deal was in breach of World Health Organisation rules banning links between health workers and baby milk manufacturers.

The meeting rejected the motion that the sponsorship compromised the trust's integrity, but moral victory went to the rebels. Mary Broadfoot, an NCT breastfeeding tutor from Glasgow, who led the rebels, said at least 72 of the organisation's 600 breastfeeding counsellors were planning to resign.

She said news of the sponsorship had been "like finding out your partner has been unfaithful. We are not radicals, we are simply fighting for the status quo and a return to the basic values and integrity of our organisation," she told the meeting in Acton Town Hall, west London.

Kim Margey, from Glasgow, said that she would be prepared to help to form a rival organisation. "It's bad enough having to cope with the white middle-class image of the NCT without having it flung in my face that the NCT has sold out," she said.

The NCT leadership was able to defeat the vote against the sponsorship deal because of thousands of proxy votes from members who had been targeted and wooed by mailings from the charity's central organisation.

But if the mood of the meeting was anything to go by, many more of the trust's 50,000 members may leave the organisation.

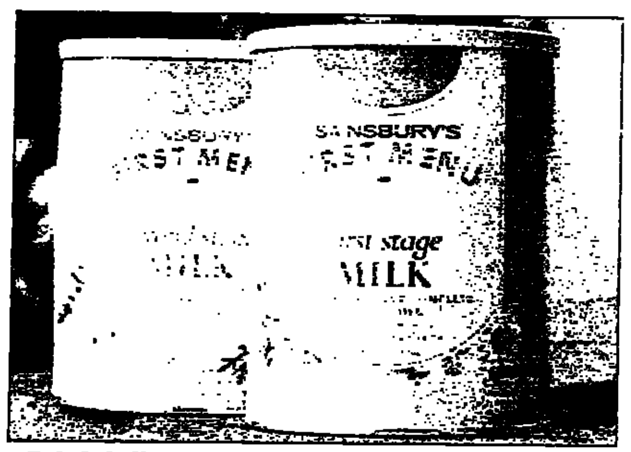
One mother broke down in tears as she spoke of being ignored, ostracised and rejected by an organisation she had grown to love. She felt that the trustees had not listened to the views of the members. Her words were loudly applauded.

The National Childbirth Trust was formed 41 years ago with an advertisement in the personal columns of *The Times*. Its founder, Prunella Briance, who originally called it the Natural Childbirth Association, advocated the modern "woman-centred" care that is now government policy.

The organisation has campaigned long and hard for better maternity services, championing breastfeeding, natural methods of pain relief and questioning what it calls the "unnecessary rise in Caesarean births". It provides antenatal classes and breastfeeding counsellors as well as a highly effective support network for pregnant women and young mothers. At yesterday's meeting, which cost £50,000 to organise, supporters of the sponsorship deal said that the rebels' resolution would have the effect of banning employees of baby milk manufacturers and employees of retailers such as Sainsbury's from joining the trust. They said it might even prevent members who hosted coffee mornings from buying milk, coffee and biscuits from Sainsbury's.

Kathrine George, from Belfast, said she did not think that the rebels were representative of most members. "I have not been contacted by any members who see anything wrong with accepting money from Sainsbury's. Sainsbury's to them is just a grocery store," she said.

Ruth Stone, chair of the NCT council of trustees, regretted that yesterday's meeting had taken place, calling it "unnecessary and frankly unaffordable". She said: "I realise that it is difficult for some people to accept change. But the NCT must change."



Rebels believe the use of breast milk substitute runs counter to the trust's philosophy that breast is best

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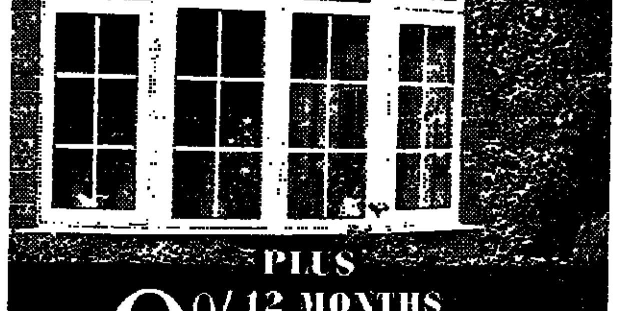

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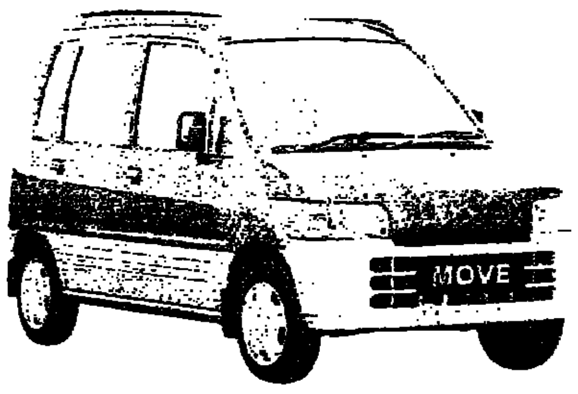

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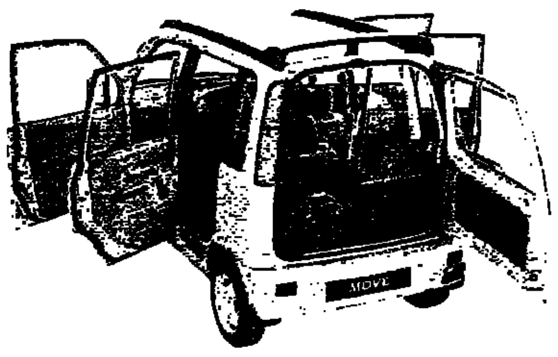

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Chartered accountant did not log payments

LITTLE credit is given to Tim Smith for being the only Tory MP to admit before the Downey inquiry began that he had been in the pay of Mohamed Al Fayed (Andrew Pierce writes).

Mr Smith, who received £50 notes stuffed in brown envelopes or delivered by motorcycle courier to his home, denied as late as 1993 that he had tabled questions for cash. "This lack of candour by Mr Smith, and the uncertainty over the total sums he received from Mr Al Fayed, are matters of great concern," Sir Gordon says. "Mr Smith is a chartered accountant and I should have expected him to have more accurate records."

TIM SMITH

Nine months after the inquiry began, Mr Smith has failed to supply Sir Gordon with documents to show that he paid VAT on the payments from the Egyptian businessman. The sums were so great that Mr Smith lost track of the total. Even Mr Al Fayed could not keep account: he thought he had handed over £10,000 in two years but Mr Smith admitted the total was £18,000-£25,000.

He is criticised not only for failing to declare the payments in the Commons register but also because he was acceding to the preference of his Harrods paymaster.

The inquiry by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards revealed a first instalment of £5,000 was handed over in an envelope in May 1987. Mr Smith had claimed that Mr Al Fayed initiated the arrangement but the owner of Harrods said the payment was expected.

The payments ceased in January 1989 when Tony Rowland, the owner of Lonrho who was a bitter business rival of Mr Al Fayed, wrote an open letter that exposed it.

Mr Smith "hesitantly" declared a financial interest for a period of two and a half weeks in January 1989. The report says: "This has to be seen as a disingenuous attempt at concealment. On any view, this was a totally unacceptable form of registration by Mr Smith."

Hamilton's credibility torn to shreds by 'compelling evidence'

Andrew Pierce itemises the case against the former Tatton MP as seen by Sir Gordon Downey

PETER JORDAN/PA

Neil Hamilton and his wife, Christine, leaving their home in London yesterday ahead of publication of the report

NEIL HAMILTON, whose defiant rejection of the cash for questions allegations overshadowed the Tory election campaign, is found to have accepted at least £25,000.

The damning conclusions of the report disclose that Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner, effectively dismissed Mr Hamilton's 36,000-word submission to the inquiry as untrue. Mr Hamilton's credibility is torn to shreds in the 900-page report. He is found to have taken cash for questions: concern is expressed at a failure to to declare the payments to the Inland Revenue: he is found to have lied to Michael Heseltine in a desperate battle to keep his ministerial job.

Sir Gordon wrote: "The evidence that Mr Hamilton received cash payments directly from Mr Al Fayed, in return for lobbying services, is compelling: and so I conclude."

The payments, Sir Gordon concluded, were unlikely to be less than the £18,000 to £25,000 received by Tim Smith. Mr Al Fayed claimed the figure was closer to £50,000. "The way in which these payments were received and concealed fell well below the standards expected of MPs," the report said.

The commissioner rejected Mr Hamilton's denials in favour of the word of two "reliable witnesses" — the two secretaries for Mr Al Fayed who told the inquiry they regularly took messages from Mr and Mrs Hamilton when the "payments were late".

The killer blow to Mr Hamilton's case was the admission to the inquiry by Tim Smith, then MP for Beaconsfield, that he had accepted between £18,000 and £25,000 from Mr Al Fayed.

"In both the timing and the method of payment, Mr Smith's case provides strong support for Mr Al Fayed's allegations against Mr Hamilton," Sir Gordon wrote. "Further, I have not received any convicing explanation as to why Mr Al Fayed should make truthful allegations of cash payments to Mr Smith — but similar untruthful allegations in relation to Mr Hamilton.

"It is difficult to escape the conclusion that, as the inquiry has progressed and more and more has been discovered, Mr Hamilton's credibility has suffered increasingly serious damage."

However, Sir Gordon rejected the charge by Mr Al Fayed that the payments to Mr Hamilton were funnelled through Mr Greer. "There is no evidence to indicate that Mr Hamilton received cash indirectly through Mr Greer."

Mr Hamilton is also taken to task for failing to declare the two commission payments from Mr Greer which included paintings and furniture worth £10,000. He said it was a matter for the Inland Revenue whether there should be an investigation. "However, I remain concerned about these matters."

In another damning conclusion, Mr Hamilton was said to have "persistently and deliberately" failed to declare his interests in the House of Fraser and Skoal Bandits, a chewing tobacco company, and was "positively misleading" about the status of his representations.

Sir Gordon also censured Mr Hamilton over the stay at the Ritz hotel in Paris during which he ran up a £2,500 bill with his wife, Christine. Mr Hamilton denied the stay was part of his reward for lobbying.

The commissioner disagreed. He said that it was beyond dispute that Mr Hamilton was engaged in considerable activity on Mr Al Fayed's behalf. "This hospitality was part of his reward for lobbying services. It was not, as it should have been, registered."

When the allegations broke in *The Guardian*, Michael Heseltine, then President of the Board of Trade, had telephoned Mr Hamilton, junior DTI minister, and was protesting his innocence. Mr Hamilton had deliberately misled Mr Heseltine by providing "an absolute assurance that he had no financial relationship with Mr Greer".

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After-dinner circuit beckons for man at wit's end

By Andrew Pierce

DISCIPLINARY proceedings will begin today at the Institute of Chartered Accountants which could result in Tim Smith being struck off the register.

The move, which will be a serious setback to Mr Smith's attempts to relaunch a career in the City, came as it emerged that Ian Greer, the lobbyist, has been forced to sell his £500,000 home in southwest London. Mr Greer, who was exonerated of the charge of being the conduit for Mohamed Al Fayed to pay Neil Hamilton and Mr Smith, has not worked since his libel trial against *The Guardian* collapsed in October last year. His company, Ian Greer Associates, which at the peak of its powers had a £3.5 million annual turnover, has gone into voluntary liquidation.

THE AFTERMATH

Mr Hamilton, a barrister specialising in taxation, has told friends that he would like to work with a City law firm. But the devastating conclusions of the report have almost certainly put paid to his ambitions. He is more likely to eke out a living on the after-dinner circuit. One of the former MP's friends said last night: "He is desperate. All he has got is the hope that he can make a name for himself in television and the media as a pundit and wit. But I am not sure people think he is funny anymore."

Yesterday Mr Hamilton and his wife, Christine, demanded £75 fees from broadcasters for interviews. Their house will also be up for sale.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants decided to delay launching an investigation into Mr Smith, a member for 30 years, until the report was published. But the confirmation that he accepted cash, and failed to pay income tax on the payments, has damaged his standing with the institute.

A committee will conduct the investigation and if, as expected, the members find that there is a case to answer he will be ordered before a private hearing.

MP 'closed his eyes to source of money'

By Polly Newton and James Landale

THE report upholds the central allegation against Sir Andrew Bowden that he accepted a £5,300 fee in return for lobbying on behalf of Mohamed Al Fayed.

The money from Mr Al Fayed was paid via the lobbying company Ian Greer Associates for Sir Andrew's election fighting fund in the 1987 campaign.

Sir Gordon said that it would be "unsafe to conclude" that Sir Andrew either demanded or received money for himself, which was alleged by Mr Al Fayed. However, the report said that Sir Andrew must either have known about "or closed his eyes to" the probable source of the money. He is criticised for failing to declare the donation.

BOWDEN AND GRYLLS

Sir Andrew, who lost his Brighton Kemptown seat at the election, has always denied Mr Al Fayed's claim that he asked for an annual fee of £50,000. He has also denied that he knew the money towards his election expenses had come from Mr Al Fayed.

The report said that Sir Andrew had earned the payment for tabling Parliamentary Questions about Mr Al Fayed's takeover of the House of Fraser and Harrods.

Sir Michael Grylls, the former Tory MP for Surrey North-West, deliberately misled a Commons committee by understating the number of commission payments he received from Ian Greer, the report said.

Sir Michael, 63, who stood down at the election, also failed to inform the Select Committee on Members' Interests of other payments he received from the lobbyist.

The report concluded that Sir Michael did receive payments from Ian Greer but not in cash.

However, it was not possible to conclude that these payments originated from Mr Al Fayed, although Sir Michael actively participated in the Greer lobbying operation. But the report said the link was a "distinct possiblility".

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Downey sets out important lessons on regulation

By Peter Riddell

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE electorate has done Parliament and the Tory party a favour. If those former MPs severely criticised by Sir Gordon Downey had not been defeated on May 1, the Tories would be facing four or five by-elections later this year.

In a sense, therefore, yesterday's three-volume report represents a closing of a chapter, and a bizarre and squalid one at that, although there are important lessons for regulation of MPs.

Neil Hamilton's repeated protestations of innocence are torn apart in Sir Gordon's careful, forensic analysis. He finds the evidence that Mr Hamilton received cash directly from Mohamed Al Fayed "compelling", concludes that he "deliberately misled" Michael Heseltine and that he was "enriching himself at the indirect expense" of a constituent.

> ❛ Neil Hamilton's claims last night of a miscarriage of justice were brazenly pathetic ❜

Tim Smith, Sir Andrew Bowden, Sir Michael Grylls and Michael Brown are shown to have been guilty of unacceptable and misleading behaviour. Sir Gordon's case is damning and, while Parliament cannot take specific sanctions against non-MPs, those accused should now withdraw from public life. Mr Hamilton's claims last night about a miscarriage of justice were brazenly pathetic.

The report should be read closely by all those MPs, including Sir Archibald Hamilton, chairman of the Tory backbench 1992 committee, and a number of his colleagues on its executive, who so vigorously objected to the Nolan report two years ago.

The Downey inquiry vindicates not only his appointment as Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards but also the tighter controls on outside interests and the requirements for more open disclosure introduced after Nolan. If these controls had been brought in a decade or more ago, this affair might not have developed, or it would have been clearer much earlier that Mr Hamilton and others were breaking Parliament's rules.

The "cash for questions" affair has taken far too long to be sorted out, though even dipping yesterday into the three volumes shows why. It is an extraordinary, probably unique, business. When publication of the Downey report was held up by the calling of the general election, critics argued that the whole process of self-regulation was flawed. Yesterday's report shows that this verdict was premature.

However, improvements are needed. First, as Sir Gordon admitted in his preface to the pre-election edition of the register of members' interests, standards of disclosure of payments under the new rules are patchy. The new Standards and Privileges Committee needs to tighten enforcement.

Second, the committee's procedures for hearing complaints are defective and need to be put on a more judicial basis. If a complaint is being pursued, both the case for and that against should be presented by a lawyer, with the committee acting more like a judge and jury. The full House would, as now, decide whether to approve any recommended sanctions.

Third, the Government has proposed clarifying the criminal law on corruption and bribery of people in public life, including MPs. A special joint committee of both Houses will consider the implications for parliamentary privilege since, under Article 9 of the Bill of Rights, what is said and done in Parliament cannot be quoted in the courts. (This was the article that was amended at the request of Mr Hamilton to allow him to pursue his abortive libel case against *The Guardian*.)

The "cash for questions" affair knocked away the final argument for the old approach of "MPs are good chaps who can be trusted". But that does not mean that MPs should be regulated entirely by outsiders.

The criminal law should apply in clear cases of corruption, but otherwise MPs should prove that their behaviour is above board via a system of tough and open self-regulation.

MILESTONES IN A SCANDAL

October 1994: *The Guardian* exposes the "cash-for-questions" scandal and Stuart Bell, Labour's former industry spokesman, tells the Commons that Neil Hamilton and Tim Smith received cash from Mohamed Al Fayed. Mr Smith resigns as junior Northern Ireland Minister. Mr Hamilton resigns as Department of Trade Minister and sues *The Guardian* for libel.

March 1995: Mr Hamilton accused of breaching Parliamentary rules by not declaring stay at Ritz Hotel, Paris.

November 1995: Sir Gordon Downey appointed standards commissioner.

October 1996: Mr Hamilton and Ian Greer pull out of *Guardian* libel action. Later, Mr Hamilton admits accepting commissions of £6,000 and £4,000 for introducing new clients to Mr Greer. An all-party committee is set up to investigate sleaze and Sir Gordon is asked to report.

March 1997: Interim report clears 15 of the 25 MPs said to have taken illicit payments.

May 1, 1997: Mr Hamilton loses his Tatton seat to Martin Bell, standing as an anti-sleaze candidate.

June 1997: Jonathan Aitken pulls out of libel action against *The Guardian*.

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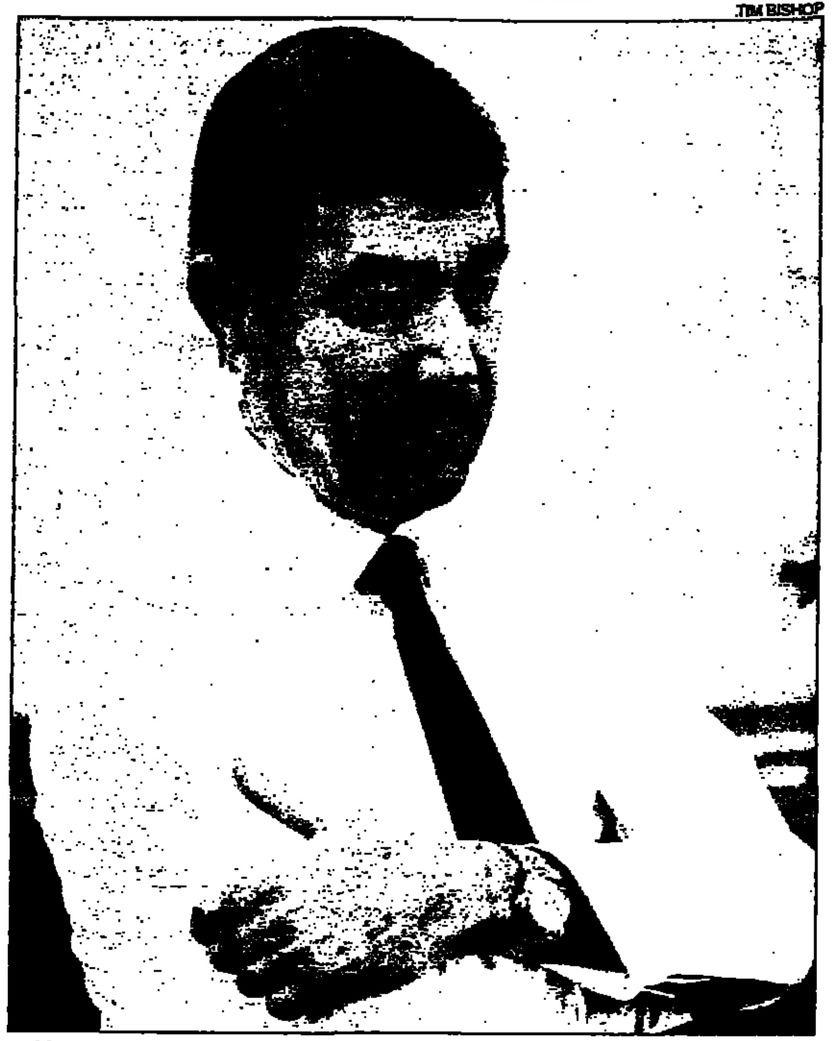


Sir Gordon Downey: Civil Service background equipped him for task

Stickler for detail dug deep for truth

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

COMMISSIONER

WHEN Sir Gordon Downey was appointed Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards he met resentment on two fronts.

MPs disliked a "policeman" in their midst, especially one earning £72,000 a year. By contrast, rival contenders thought he had got the job because he was "one of the boys". One disappointed applicant said: "It was a fix. MPs just wanted one of their own."

Certainly he knows the system. He is a former Comptroller and Auditor-General, the chief public spending watchdog, and is well-versed in the ways of Parliament.

But he is also a man of utter probity and correctness. It is said he left the Civil Service because he did not like the way Margaret Thatcher expected allegiance from officials.

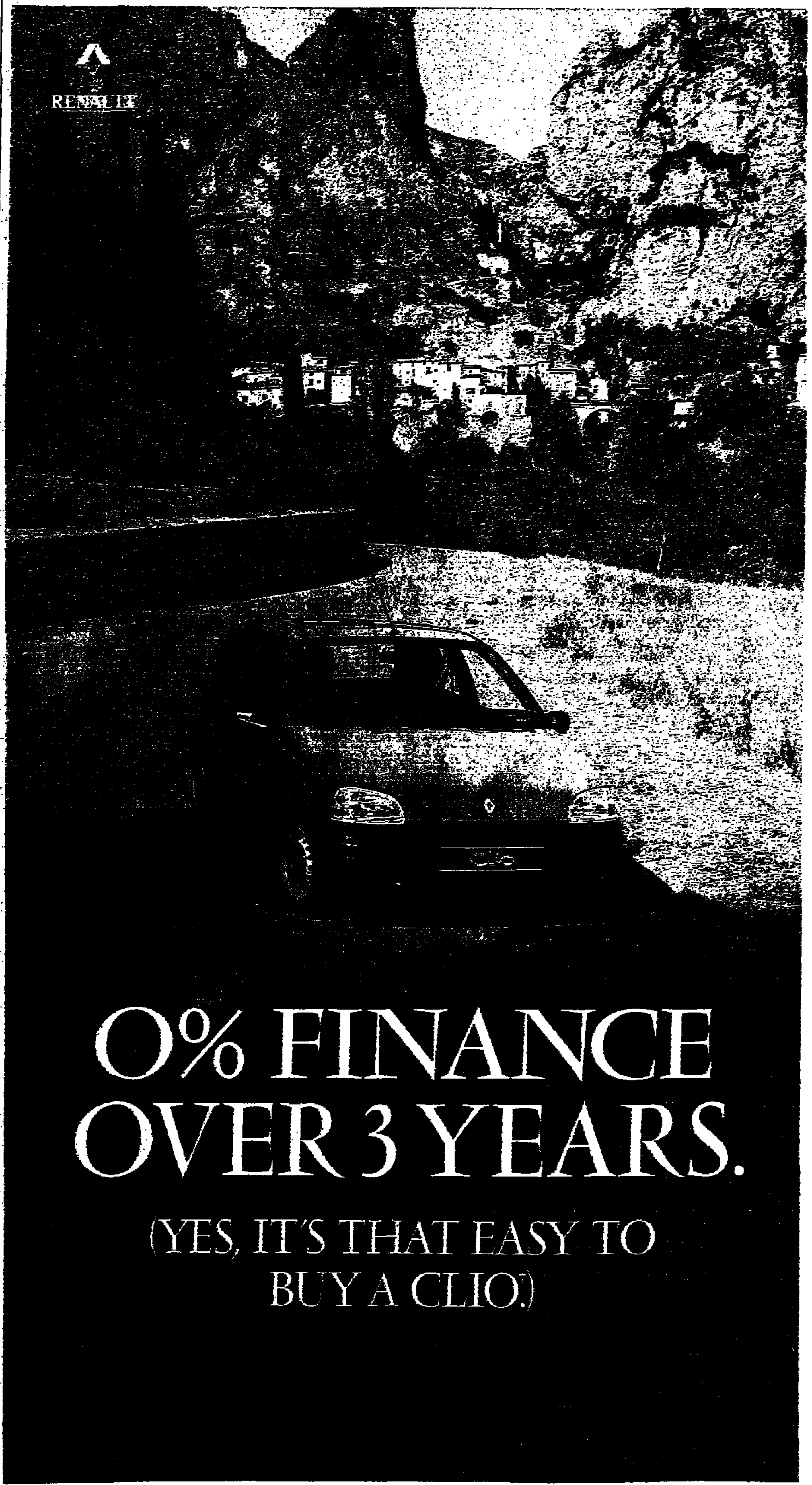
But the lengthy gestation period of his report stands against Sir Gordon and has raised serious doubts about the effectiveness of parliamentary self-regulation. John Major had asked for the report "within weeks" but it took ten months.

Yesterday's findings proved devastating, but what is intriguing is why they did not appear during the last Parliament.

Sir Gordon's task was clearly cumbersome and at the start of his inquiry he had a serious bout of influenza. Some blame was directed at *The Guardian* for taking a long time to deliver documents. But the process was delayed too by his insatiable demand for detail.

It is clear that the main political parties were in no haste to see the report published before the election. Sir Gordon, who will be 70 next April, was working part-time, four days a week. If MPs really had wanted speedier publication, there is no doubt that Sir Gordon would have worked a full week. All the parties believed that he should be allowed to work at his own pace.

One Westminster source said: "Sir Gordon is a consummate bureaucrat. That is why he was such a fine civil servant. He absorbs detail and paper, and politicians were prepared to give him time. He is a stickler on rules."



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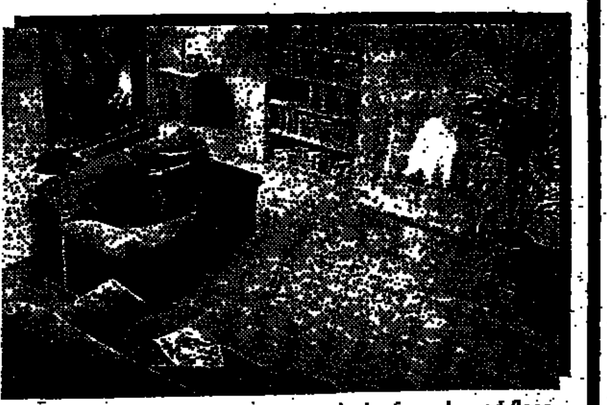

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Troops prepare for the worst in march stalemate

Nicholas Watt reports on another standoff at Drumcree

THOUSANDS of troops will be sent to guard strategic locations throughout Northern Ireland this weekend if no agreement is reached on the route of the marching season's most contentious parade.

The aim would be to prevent a repeat of the disturbances sparked off by last year's march in Drumcree, Co Armagh. Troops will guard the main port at Larne, Co Antrim, and Belfast airport to stop any loyalists who try to bring Northern Ireland to a standstill. Hardline Orangemen, who virtually paralysed the province last year, have drawn up plans to blockade ports and main roads if the march scheduled for Sunday is banned.

Troops will also be sent to flashpoints in Belfast and Londonderry to control any rioting by republicans if the march is forced down the Roman Catholic Garvaghy Road into Portadown. Republicans have appointed "Catholic defence committees".

Serious loyalist violence erupted throughout Northern Ireland last year when Orangemen were banned from marching along the Garvaghy Road. Police reversed their decision after a four-day standoff with loyalists, which led to nationalist violence in Belfast and Londonderry.

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One senior political source in Northern Ireland said that the contigency plans would be put into action tomorrow if Protestants and Catholics failed to reach agreement on the route. With only two days to go, hopes of a settlement are fading. The source said: "We cannot allow the ports and airports to be blockaded. What happened last year was very damaging for Northern Ireland and we cannot afford a repeat of that. The Government stopped the miners in the 1980s, so why not do that in Northern Ireland?"

The security forces will also aim to prevent Orangemen from outside the Portadown area massing at Drumcree church as they did last year. There will be no bus service for marchers this year.

The 17,000 troops in the province, who are trained to deal with public order disturbances before beginning their tours of duty, have received refresher courses in the run-up to Drumcree.

Efforts by the Government were continuing yesterday to find a peaceful solution. Tony Blair discussed the parade with Bertie Ahern at their first meeting since the Irish Prime Minister was elected last month. Britain will be hoping that Mr Ahern can help to calm fears among Portadown Catholics.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, yesterday backed a compromise plan proposed by Bob McCartney, the United Kingdom Unionist MP for North Down. Under this proposal Orangemen would march down part of the Garvaghy Road but not the contentious stretch.

However, Breandan Mac Cionnaith, the head of the Garvaghy Residents' Group, insisted that the march had to be stopped. Mr Mac Cionnaith, a convicted terrorist, said: "The Drumcree march is all about who runs the Six Counties. Is it the British Government, or is it the Orangemen?"

ALAN LEWIS

Fred Oliver will lead Sunday's Orange Order march: "If nationalists don't like the parade, they should go inside and close their front doors"

'Changing route will make our future insecure'

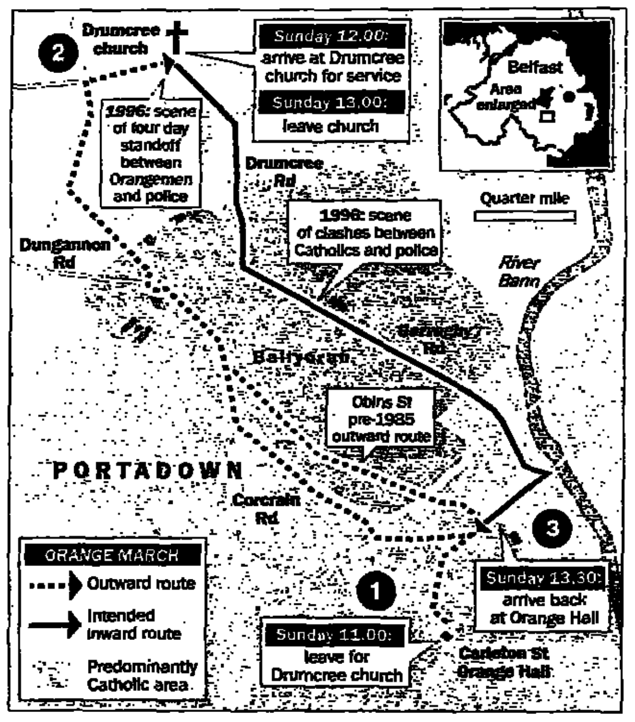
THE ORANGEMAN

FRED OLIVER, 57, who has marched down Garvaghy Road for 23 years, will lead Sunday's Orange parade as the Portadown District Sword Bearer.

"It is very important for me and for my family that we follow our traditional route because my father carried the Portadown District banner on the parade for more than 20 years after the war. Orangemen have marched down the Garvaghy Road for nearly 200 years and if we change our traditional route we will be making our future even less secure.

"There was no problem with our march until Sinn Fein-IRA stoked it up to pick a fight with us and to turn us against the police. If nationalists don't like the parade, they should go inside and close their front doors behind them, just as I switch channels on television if I don't like a programme. They've accused our bands of playing sectarian songs, but on Sundays we only ever play hymns.

"The church service will commemorate the Battle of the Somme in 1916. We will be remembering not just the Protestants who died in the battle but also the Catholics. We have never abused anyone during our parade and the only abuse comes from the Garvaghy Road."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Drumcree church
Sunday 12.00: arrive at Drumcree church for service
Sunday 13.00: leave church
Belfast
Area enlarged
1996: scene of four day standoff between Orangemen and police
Drumcree Rd
Quarter mile
1996: scene of clashes between Catholics and police
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ORANGE MARCH
Outward route
Intended inward route
Predominantly Catholic area
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Sunday 11.00: leave for Drumcree church
Sunday 13.30: arrive back at Orange Hall
Carleton St Orange Hall

'Triumphalism made us angry'

THE PORTADOWN CATHOLIC

KATHLEEN BROWN, 36, lives next to Garvaghy Road and is married with three young children. Her brother-in-law was killed in an Ulster Volunteer Force bomb attack in Portadown in 1994.

"For so long the scales of justice in Northern Ireland were uneven. Over the past 25 years we have seen them evening out a bit because nationalists have stood up for their rights.

"I have sat on the Garvaghy Road for the past two years and will do so again for another two years to keep the Orangemen out of our area. They don't want to march in their own area, because they wouldn't be annoying anyone. Their parades are beating bitterness into my children. I do not want any trouble and I don't want to see anyone hurt. But we can only vote Sinn Fein because they are the only ones who speak out for us.

"The Orangemen say we should not be upset by their march because it passes in five minutes. But they're forgetting that last year we were hemmed into our homes for three days.

"When we protested against the parade, we were beaten outside our homes. Their behaviour last year and the triumphalism of 1995 has deepened our anger."

Kathleen Brown: will sit in the path of marchers

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Shadow on Mir's future after new solar power loss

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

THE stricken Russian space station Mir, damaged by a collision last week; was hit by another problem yesterday when its alignment system broke down, causing a further loss of power and casting greater doubts over the long-term future of the mission.

Sergei Krikalyov, a former Mir cosmonaut, who is now deputy chief of the programme at the mission control centre near Moscow, said there was an unexplained malfunction in the station's gyrodines, the electrical devices that keep the complex correctly aligned to the Sun in order that its solar panel can pick up maximum power.

He said the station was having to use its rocket boosters to maintain the correct alignment, using up valuable supplies of fuel. "There is no danger for the cosmonauts or for the station, as we have enough fuel, but it is unpleasant," he said. The station has already lost up to half its power as a result of last week's collision, which happened during a practice docking manoeuvre with an unmanned *Progress* supply craft.

Flight Commander Vasili Tsibliyev lost control of the craft, which made its approach too fast, smashing into the station's Spektr research module and damaging solar panels. The crew managed to seal off the module.

Viktor Blagov, deputy head of the Korolyov control centre, said the latest breakdown did not pose any serious problems. "It is a question of carrying out repairs to one of the three gyrodines. We are confident that we will be able to deal with it by the end of the day," he said.

The mishap will nonetheless add to the doubts being expressed in the United States about its continued support for the Mir programme. Nasa is putting $475 million (£284 million) annually into the programme.

After last week's collision there were calls from Congress to review safety on board the station before putting more American lives in jeopardy. And while Nasa has reaffirmed its intention to continue its participation, the latest problem will add to the pressure for a reappraisal.

On Saturday, a *Progress* cargo craft is due to blast off from the main Russian launch station at Baikonur in Kazakhstan, carrying supplies and equipment needed to carry out repairs. It will take two days to reach Mir.

While no official explanation has been offered for last week's collision, the Russian newspaper *Segodnya* reported yesterday that it was due to human error and an overloaded cargo craft.

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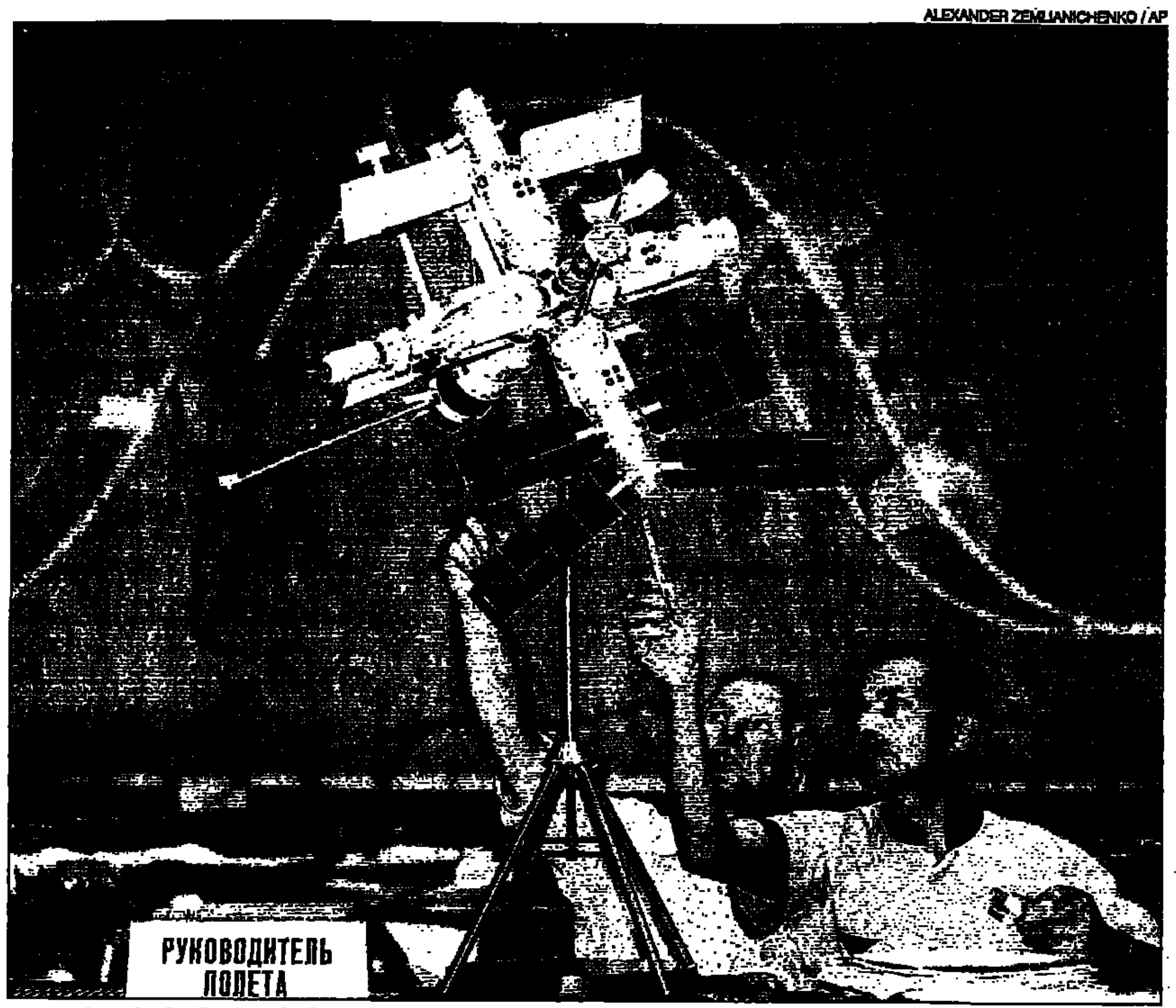

Against the background of a map showing the Mir's path, Russian flight controllers at the mission control centre near Moscow yesterday check a mock-up of the space station for possible clues to the latest accident

Rickety machine of a lost empire

From Richard Beeston in moscow

WHEN Leonid Kizim first set eyes on the Mir space station orbiting above the globe, he likened the pride of the Soviet space programme to "a huge white seagull hovering above the Earth".

Certainly when it was launched in 1986, Mir was in a class of its own, and after Nasa's disaster with the explosion of the *Challenger* shuttle the Soviet Union appeared poised again to pioneer manned space flights.

Eleven years and an empire later, the Russian space programme is one of the most evocative symbols of the country's decline as a world power, along with the collapse of communism and the loss of military superpower status.

When Michael Foale, the British-born US astronaut, who was nearly evacuated last week after a collision between Mir and a cargo vessel, began his mission on a craft that is falling apart, he compared his new home to "going camping in a rusty car".

Excavated bones are linked to Guevara

Guevara: killed in 1967 by Bolivian troops

CUBAN, Bolivian and Argentine anthropologists, searching for the remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the jungle-covered foothills of the Bolivian Andes, have found bones which they say "very probably" belonged to the legendary revolutionary (Gabriella Gamini writes).

"We are 99 per cent sure that Che Guevara's bones are among the six skeletons we found buried in a pit under a military landing strip on the edge of the Andes," said Jorge Gonzâlez, a Cuban anthropologist who conducted the excavations near the town of Vallegrande, in southeastern Bolivia.

His team found half a dozen skeletons, and among them bones which are a slight red colour, indicating traces of formaldehyde, making experts think they could belong to the bearded revolutionary, who was captured and killed by Bolivian troops in 1967.

Guevara's body was kept in a hospital for more than 36 hours, and the anthropologists therefore believe that it must have been preserved in formaldehyde.

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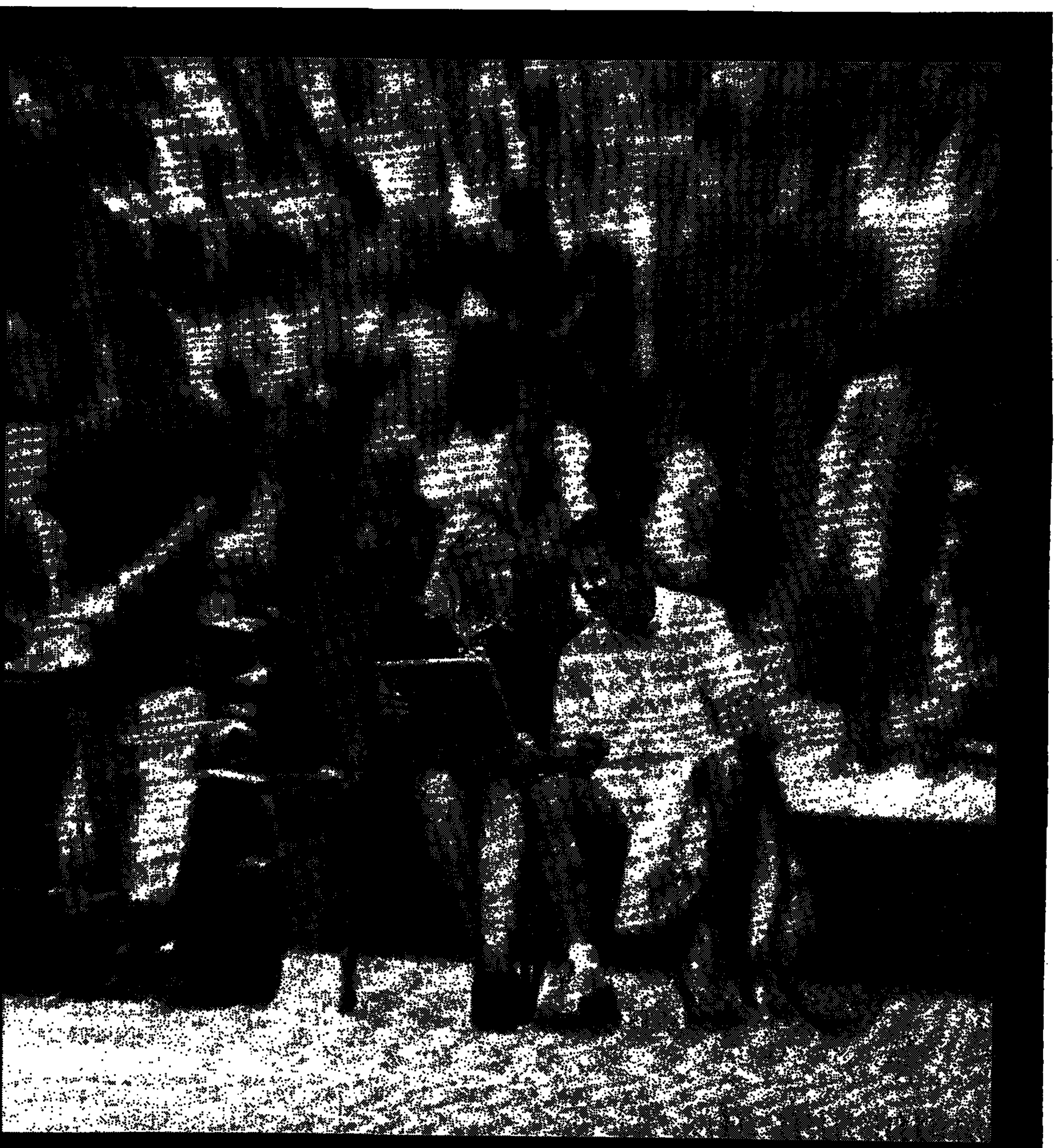

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Canada's military censured over Somalia killings

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

A ROYAL commission of inquiry into the torture and murder of Somali teenagers by Canadian paratroops in 1993 handed down an indictment of the entire defence staff and the manner in which the Somalia peacekeeping operation was conducted.

The inquiry, which lasted more than two years, heard 116 witnesses, concluded that there was a cover-up by Canadian officers in Somalia and at headquarters in Ottawa over incidents outside a Canadian encampment. On March 4, 1993, soldiers worried about looters shot two unarmed Somalis in the back as they fled, killing one. Twelve days later, they tortured to death a 16-year-old.

The report, *Dishonoured Legacy*, savaged Canadian officers, accusing them of poor leadership, buck-passing and lying under oath. It said that the peacekeepers were poorly disciplined and lacked proper equipment, and that the mission was badly planned and executed. Among those singled out for blame was Robert Fowler, then Deputy Defence Minister, now Canada's Ambassador to the UN, and Vice-Admiral Larry Murray, Acting Chief of the Canadian Defence Staff, described as "not the best man" to lead the armed forces.

Art Eggleton, the Defence Minister, denounced the findings. He said that the commission had "gone too far" and had failed to prove its case that senior officers lied.

Italy pledges full inquiry on torture

Rome: Italy said yesterday that there would be "no cover-up" over the alleged abuse of Somali civilians by Italian troops four years ago, although it had emerged that some evidence was manufactured (Richard Owen writes).

Last week, a former Italian soldier who claimed to have seen Somalis murdered admitted lying. But Beniamino Andreatta, the Defence Minister, said the inquiry into other allegations of torture and abuse was continuing "with all vigour". He believed many allegations would be found to be false or exaggerated, and said the armed forces "must not be demonised".

The weekly magazine *Panorama* last month shocked Italy with photographs allegedly showing peacekeeping paratroops sexually abusing a Somali woman and attaching electrodes to a Somali man. Those incidents are still being investigated, together with more than 30 alleged cases of torture and rape.

A fiery cloud rises over the Turkish town of Kirrikale, about 35 miles east of Ankara, after an explosion at a munitions plant yesterday.

Turks evacuate town after blast

The authorities ordered the evacuation of nearly 200,000 residents, fearing that a fire in the plant could spread to the main air force arsenal in the area. A civilian was killed and scores of soldiers and policemen were injured. The Anatolia news agency said there were reports of looting in the town as the evacuation continued. Government ministers visited Kirikkale and declared it a disaster area. *(AFP)*

Alliance nations wrangle over costs of growth

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO EXPANDS

NATO'S plan to expand into Eastern Europe, to be formally launched at a summit in Madrid next Tuesday with invitations to three countries to join the alliance, remains a bold gamble that will present a huge challenge for the security organisation through to the next century.

The expansion policy developed almost by default. Even now, after Nato governments have put some intellectual flesh on to the bones of the idea, first put forward by the United States towards the end of 1993, there are many unanswered questions about the extent of any further expansion after the first stage has been completed by April 1999.

Future policy will depend on how sucessfully Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary — the three favoured for first entry — integrate into Nato's military structure and whether the organisation itself can expand without undermining its principal raison d'être: providing security guarantees to each member state.

With Romania and Slovenia pressing hard to join in the first wave — and if they fail, to join a year or two later — Nato will have to decide in a comparatively short period whether its policy of expansion has worked and if there should be a ceiling imposed on the number of membership applications. Twelve countries, including the three Baltic states, have applied.

One of the main unanswered questions is the cost of enlargement. No estimate has been produced which has found favour with all alliance members.

An unpublished internal study by Nato's senior resource board revealed it would cost $5 billion (£3 billion) over a ten-year period if one large country and one small were invited to join. Although this was a "generic" study, the Nato officials had Poland and the Czech Republic in mind.

However, this figure only relates to the cost to Nato's "common fund" of bringing in two more countries, upgrading their airfields and other defences, providing new headquarters and expanding civilian staff. Each Nato member contributes to this common fund. The Americans rejected the Nato figure because it did not include the added cost to individual alliance countries of building up their own forces to guarantee the security of the new members.

One Nato source said: "The Americans wanted us to say what it would cost Britain, for example, to buy more Challenger tanks, and for Germany to buy more Leopard tanks to protect the new member states in the event of an aggressive act against them."

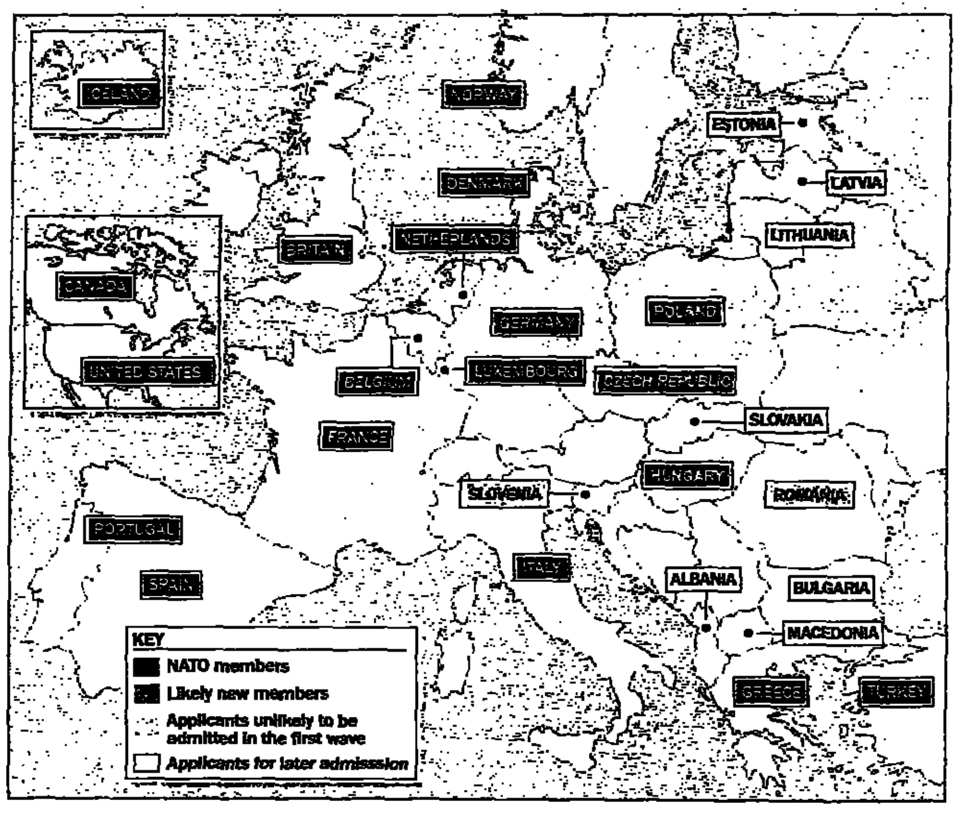
This is a highly sensitive area for the Europeans, particularly the Germans, who do not want at this stage to be talking about increasing defence budgets when they are trying to balance the books to meet the European Union's monetary union criteria. They also insist there is no likelihood of any military aggression in Europe, so it is irrelevant, they say, to include this scenario in estimating the cost of enlarging Nato.

The US Congressional Budget Office did produce a more global figure for the total cost of Nato expansion and came up with $20 billion to $125 billion over 15 years, depending on the number of new members. The Pentagon's cost estimate is $27 billion to $35 billion over 13 years. One of the main reasons why America is so set against more than three countries joining in the first wave — and the White House has underlined this position this week — is the cost.

Britain has now, in effect, also come out in favour of restricting the first phase to Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

With the Americans refusing to contemplate a fourth or fifth candidate, there is no hope of the Western alliance reaching a consensus that would mean Romania and Slovenia also joining in the first wave.

The decisions on the next phases of enlargement will have to be addressed with more intellectual rigour than was applied when the idea of expansion first emerged in the late autumn of 1993.



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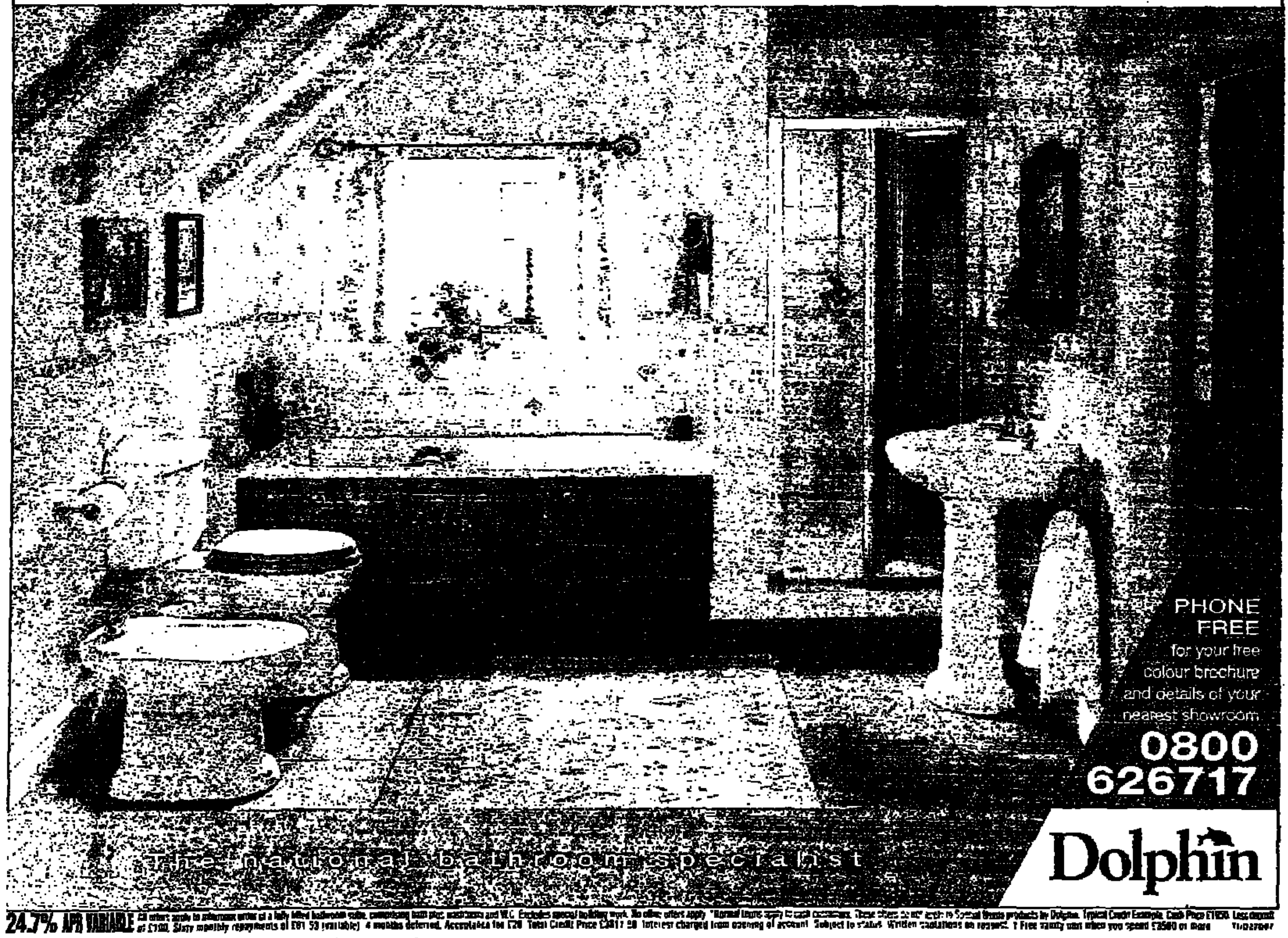
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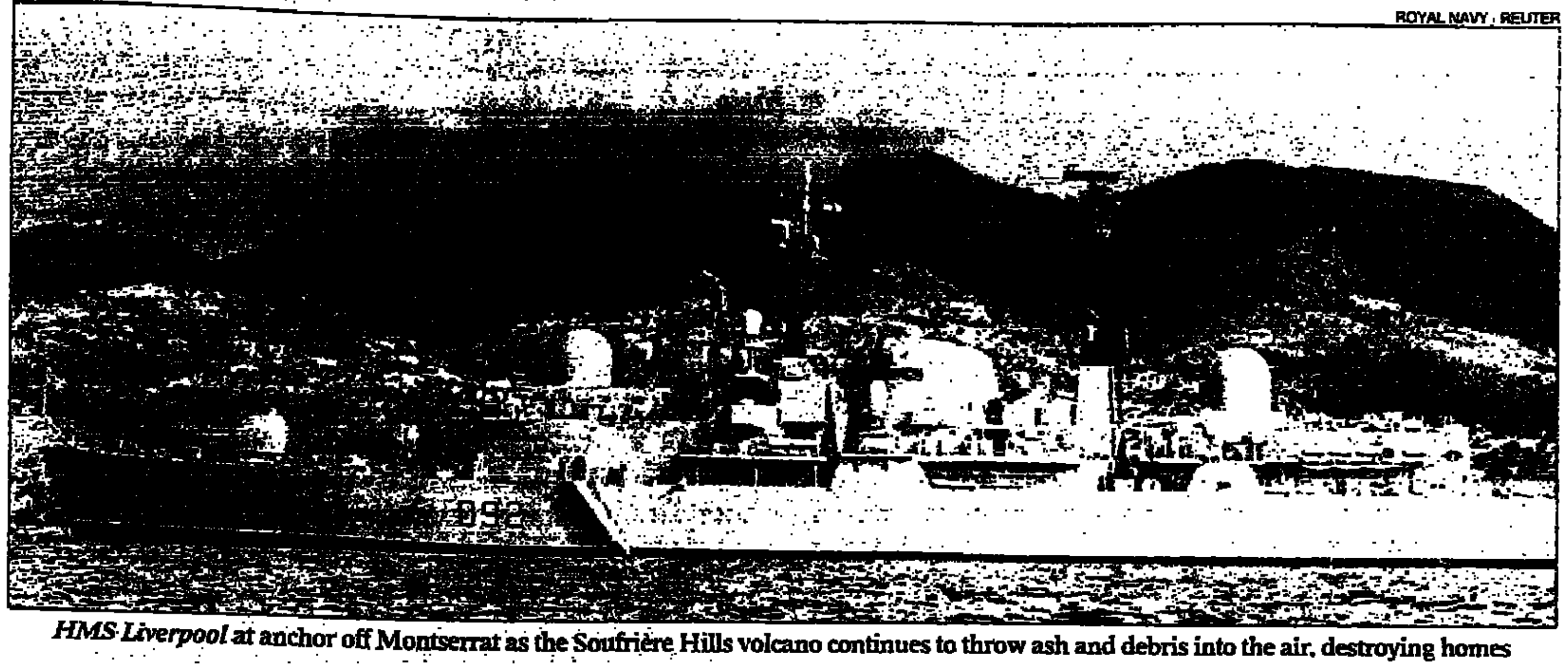

HMS Liverpool at anchor off Montserrat as the Soufrière Hills volcano continues to throw ash and debris into the air, destroying homes

Hundreds flee dying island

FROM TOM RHODES IN MONTSERRAT

THE queue for the single ferry from Montserrat now stretches far along the emergency jetty at Little Bay every morning. It is the most tangible sign that the spewing volcano which overshadows this tiny British colony has succeeded where past hurricanes, floods and pestilence have failed.

Indomitable to the last and deeply committed to their island paradise, many Montserratians have decided that the historical romance with their mountain has finally soured. They see little hope of reconciliation and 70 islanders have been departing daily for other parts of the Caribbean and for Britain. For the first time yesterday, the ferry made two trips, catering for more than 100 people no longer able to tolerate the slow but certain disintegration of island life.

Dormant for centuries, Chances Peak in the Soufrière Hills awoke two years ago, spraying hot ash and lava across small sections of the island. Within the space of 16 months, however, Plymouth, the capital, has been evacuated, farms and businesses have been swamped, and two thirds of the housing, three quarters of the infrastructure, the port and the airport have been lost.

Last week, as many as 23 people died in terrifying pyroclastic flows as the mountain vented its spleen. Large areas have been transformed into a barren, ash-covered wasteland worthy of Malcolm Lowry — the author of *Under the Volcano*. Even in the "safe" northern section there has been a gradual but marked decline. Evacuated families are often divided between separate shelters. There is no privacy. Rum, beer and casual sex have become the most common antidotes to lack of employment and a constant fear that soon the blackened crater will engulf the whole island in a vast eruption.

Carol Tuitt, a psychologist at the island's hospital, has been treating various forms of depression among an increasing number of islanders. "We have had this strange romance with the volcano but now that people have died it's as if a close friend has turned on us," she said.

"People are blaming themselves, they are blaming the British and the local government. But the most prevalent emotion is the fear that we are all going to have to leave a place we all love so much." And yet there is still the sense that life must go on. A thin veneer of normality remains in the north where, apart from thick deposits of ash, the volcano has failed to disturb a regular routine.

The weekly barbecue at the Vue Pointe, the island's single hotel, attracted its traditional clientele. Frank Savage, the British Governor, was at one table while Bertrand Osborne, the Chief Minister, held court at another. Only the group of scientists, animal rights activists and journalists dotted about the room offered a hint that this was not colonial life as it had always been.

Neil Johnstone, a Scotland Yard chief inspector seconded to Montserrat as a liaison officer, sat alone at the bar deep in thought. "We're just watching and waiting and it seems like the island is dying around us," he said.

The British Government, under increasing pressure to resolve the crisis, has been criticised for playing a waiting game in advance of an expected mass evacuation of the island. Local opposition leaders have demanded that Whitehall pay for assisted passages to Britain.

In fact the British contingent on the ground is making every effort to alleviate increasingly difficult conditions. The crew of *HMS Liverpool* has built emergency kitchens, showers and storage units. But they, too, are frustrated. "We don't seem to be doing much in the way of disaster relief," said one rating.

Britain moves to ease immigration curbs

London: The Foreign Office yesterday held urgent discussions with a group of MPs and Montserrat representatives on what further help could be given to those islanders fleeing to Britain (Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, writes).

The Government is likely to relax remaining restrictions on entry into Britain, and is lobbying Washington to allow Montserrat residents with relations in America free entry into the United States.

When the volcano awoke two years ago, the Conservative Government announced that any islander with friends or relatives in Britain would be allowed to come here provided they could pay their own fare and find accommodation.

They will be allowed to stay for two years, can legally seek work and will be entitled to income support, housing benefit and schooling. The Government is now re-examining regulations in light of the increased danger.

Cancer link denied

Washington: An American study into a modern-day health scare has concluded that children who live near high-voltage power lines do not appear to have a greater risk of developing cancer (Ian Brodie writes).

The researchers said yesterday their work was the strongest indication yet that parental concern was groundless. But two other forthcoming studies, one by Oxford University, could help to settle the issue for good.

Fears about exposure to electromagnetic fields surrounding power lines were first raised in the 1970s, with the discovery in Colorado that a cluster of children with leukaemia lived close to electricity pylons. Since then, scores of studies have produced conflicting results.

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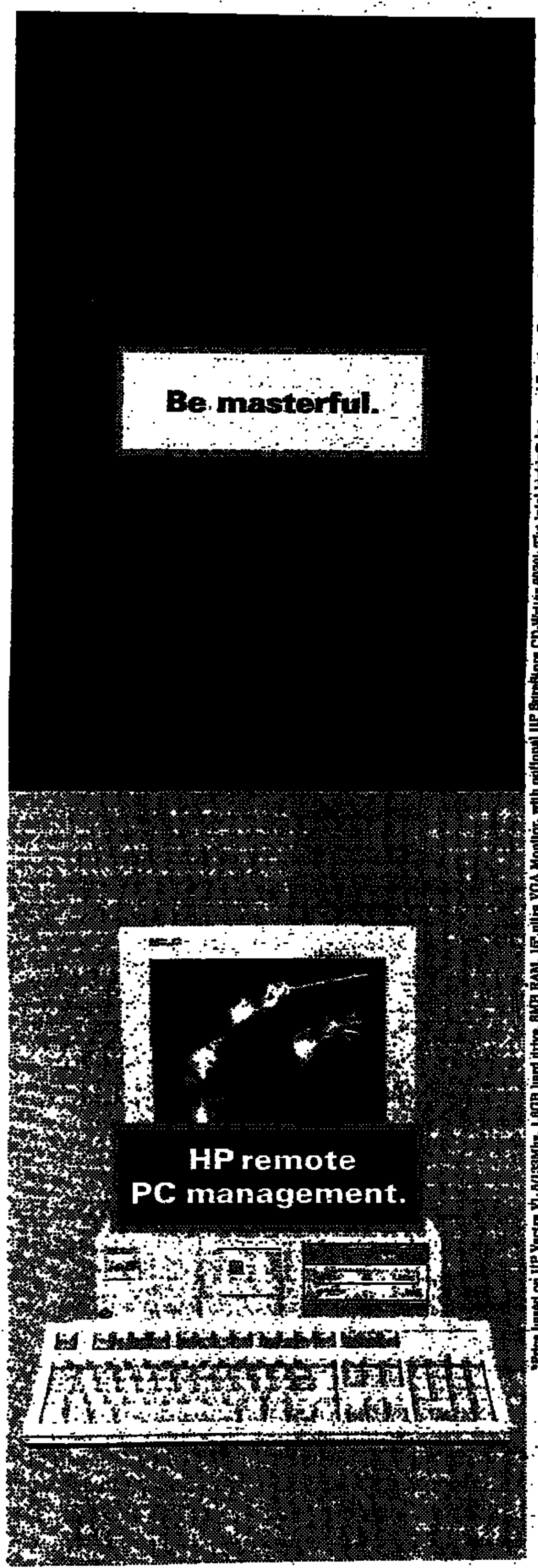
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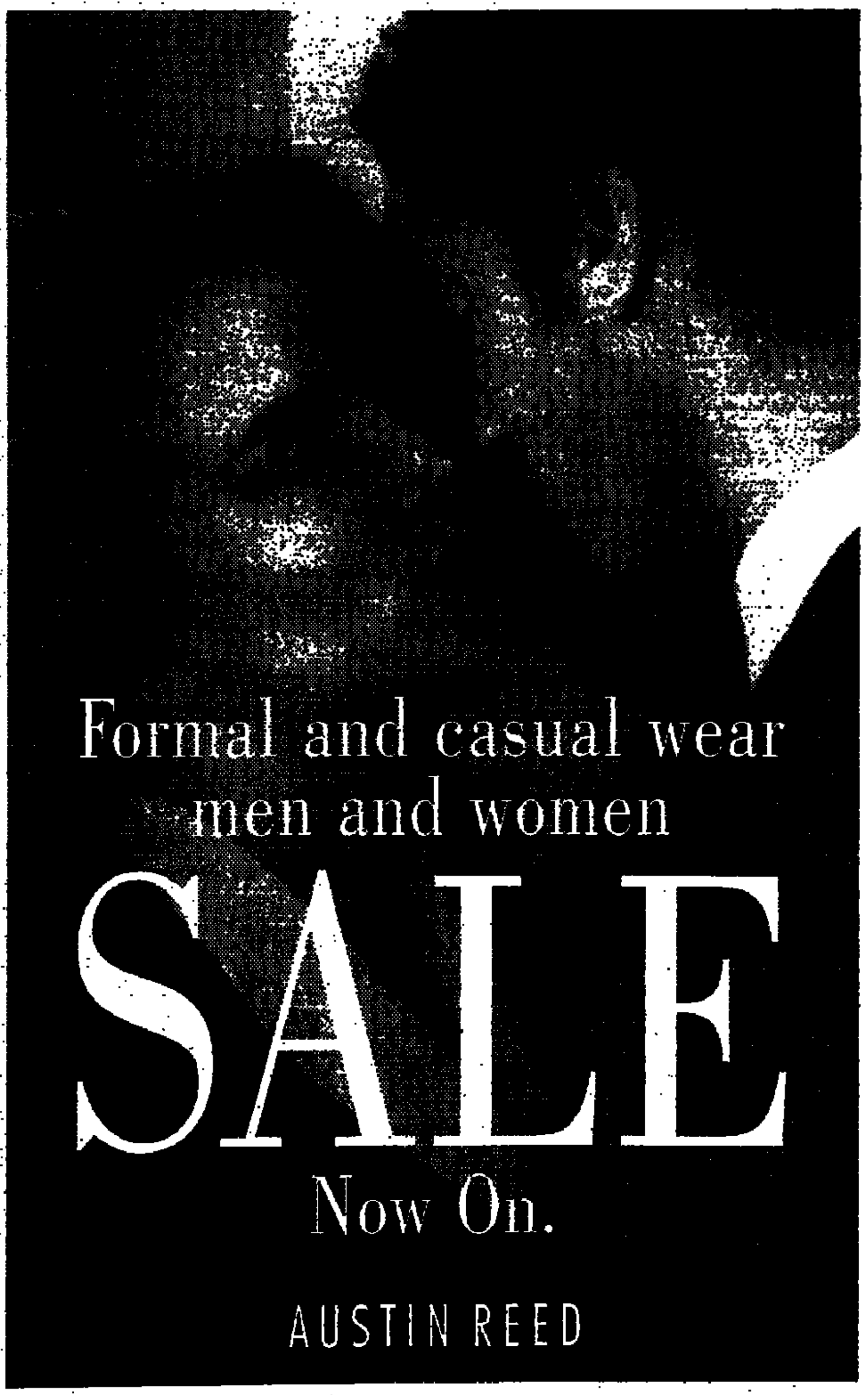
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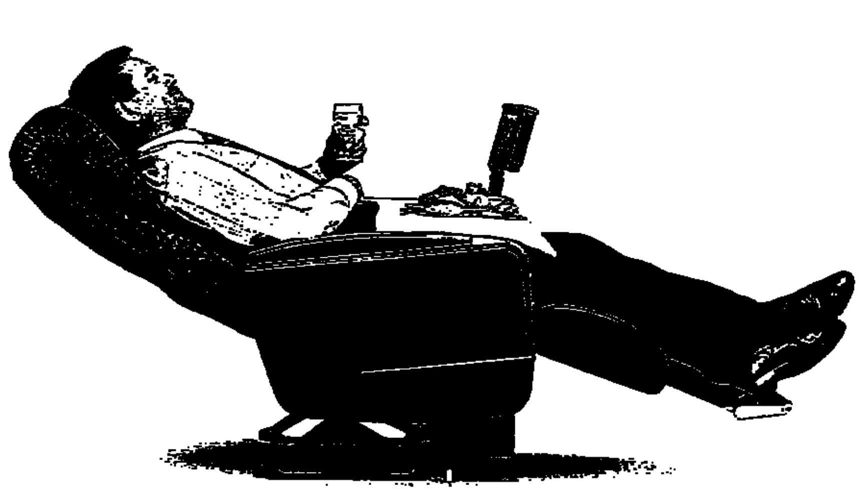
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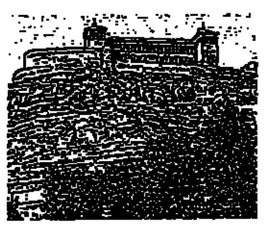
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Pressure on Tung to curb property boom

FROM DAVID WATTS
IN HONG KONG

TUNG CHEE-HWA, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, is facing a dilemma only days into his term of office: what to do about skyrocketing property prices, which are up 30 per cent this year and climbing.

Late last year a luxurious property on The Peak on Hong Kong Island set a record, selling for $HK728.8 million (£60.7 million). Prices like that for top-of-the-range properties are pulling the rest of the market along with them.

Wealth and land in Hong Kong are synonymous and the values on the stock market reflect the ever-increasing price of land. But the run-up to the handover has seen the property market turned into something like a casino. So fast are property prices rising that it is estimated that a middle-class Chinese family with both parents working and two children will need 90 per cent of its disposable income to pay the £200,000 mortgage on a 500 sq ft flat.

For Hong Kong this is the most sensitive public issue as its people are rapidly priced out of living space. And with a new administration in place that is, ostensibly, better able to relate to the people of the former colony the pressure is mounting on the Chief Executive to take action. Though there is a vast public housing programme for the less-well-off on the free market, the Government holds the key since it owns most of the land.

Therein lies Mr Tung's dilemma. If he responds by releasing more land onto the market to reduce prices, he will damage many of his business friends and bring stock prices cascading down. These fears are exacerbated by the knowledge that the market is in the stratosphere: the stocks of some mainland Chinese-backed firms have risen more than 1,000 per cent in the past six months — and the joyride could be about to end anyway.

The slightest hint from Mr Tung, at a press conference on Wednesday, that he might ease the situation caused a fall on the stock market yesterday.

John Strickland, the chairman of the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, has warned Mr Tung that he will bring the market down if he moves on land supply. "If you bring the stock market down, everybody feels poorer and stops spending, and before you know where you are you have got a recession on your hands," he said. That is the last thing that Mr Tung wants.

Georgette Marre and her dog are keeping an eye on the house that will be the retreat of Chris Patten and family after the rigours of his governorship in Hong Kong

Where Patten joins the gîte set

Ben Macintyre in St Martin-Laguépie finds a tranquil welcome awaits the man who has left Hong Kong's hurly-burly. Photographs by **Simon Walker**

A MAN seeking tranquillity, having presided over one of the more profound political changes of the 20th century, could not find a more apt place to reflect on the recent past and his future than St Martin-Laguépie.

Chris Patten, the last Governor of Britain's last substantial colony, will arrive soon in this hamlet deep in the French countryside north of Albi.

In the converted farmhouse overlooking the Viaur Valley that he purchased two years ago, he plans to spend five months writing a book on the Far East, marshalling his thoughts and, perhaps, planning his next move.

St Martin-Laguépie, seemingly unchanged for centuries and surrounded by lush farmland and rural silence, could hardly be further removed from the frantic, cosmopolitan hubbub of Hong Kong. From the vast colonial splendours of the Governor's mansion, Mr Patten will move to this six-bedroomed, rose-covered hideaway, a building far smaller, older and prettier.

He left Hong Kong amid a last emotional outpouring of colonial pomp. A different, but hardly less enthusiastic, reception awaits him here: caretaker Thérèse Marre, her mother-in-law, Georgette, and their dog.

The lump in Mr Patten's throat as he, and Britain, quit Hong Kong, was only too evident: the simplicity of St Martin-Laguépie may well induce another. "On the television they said he did very well," remarked Thérèse Marre, standing proudly before the property's newly installed oak gates. This is a good place to reflect," she added, although her mind was on more practical matters. "When do the dogs arrive?"

The former Governor's relinquished official Rolls-Royce would be hard put to navigate the steep and twisting road leading up to his retreat, but the place is not short of creature comforts: a new tennis court and a swimming pool surrounded by fruit trees. A well-tended vegetable patch will help to ensure that Mr Patten's legendary appetite does not suffer.

No pyrotechnics will greet him, but not a soul is unaware of his impending arrival. Locals in the village café down the hill were quietly proprietorial on the subject of their new neighbour. "Monsieur Le Gouverneur will be here shortly. He is still on the boat," one announced as if, at any moment, the Royal Yacht *Britannia* might come steaming up the Aveyron river into town. Like so much of southern France, St Martin-Laguépie has a substantial, and growing, British population. "We have many English here," said Mme Marre, observing the Pattens' home had been owned for 20 years previously by a British couple.

Meanwhile, speculation over his future will continue to swirl in the distant corridors of Westminster: a seat in the Lords? By-election candidate in a safe Tory constituency? A United Nations-style job?

The British retreat from Hong Kong was ripe, perhaps over-ripe with symbolism. Should he seek symbolic inspiration, Mr Patten need look no further than the next hill.

There, dominating the skyline, stands a vast medieval château, seat of the ancient dukes of Laguépie, a hollow ruin since the French Revolution. Power and prestige, he may ponder, are but fleeting here, too. On the other hand, like the "scaffolding" of British democracy to which Mr Patten referred in his final farewell to Hong Kong, the grand structure is still there.

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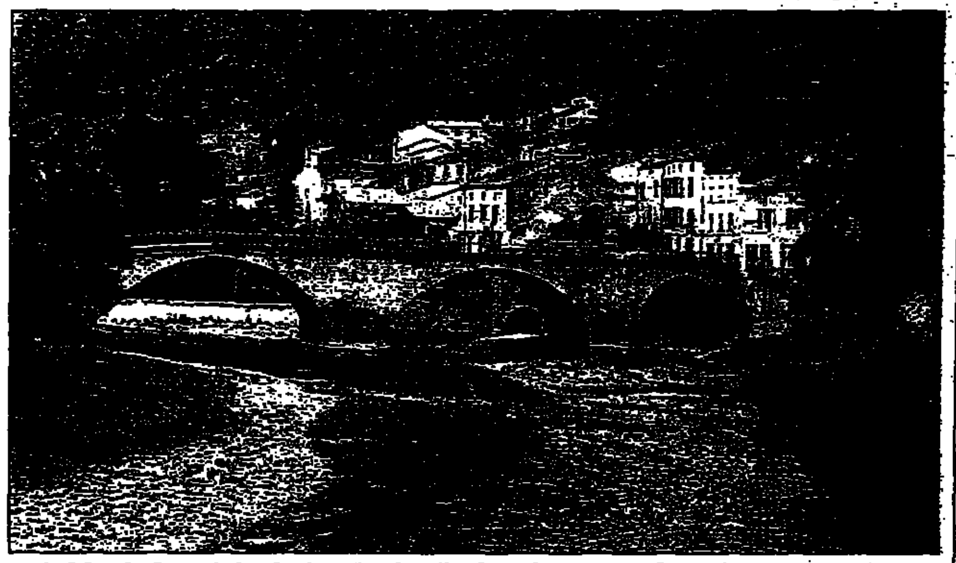
The six-bedroomed farmhouse has a new tennis court and a swimming pool



• St Martin-Laguépie, the hamlet that lies less than a mile from the Pattens' home

USAF career in peril because of love

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

A MARRIED couple face the ordeal of a court martial for falling in love in yet another fiasco for the US Air Force.

Still reeling from the Kelly Flinn case, the air force has decided that a trial carrying a potential prison sentence of 14 years is warranted against Second Lieutenant William Kite Jnr.

His crimes were "fraternising" with Rhonda Kutzer, now a civilian, when she was an enlisted airwoman and then denying the relationship to senior officers, justifiably fearing it could wreck his career.

The couple, who are expecting their first child in two months, believed fate had brought them together on discovering that they were born on the same day 27 years ago. Lieutenant Kite was a security supervisor at a nuclear bomber base in Missouri where she was on police duties, though not in his direct chain of command. She has since left the air force.

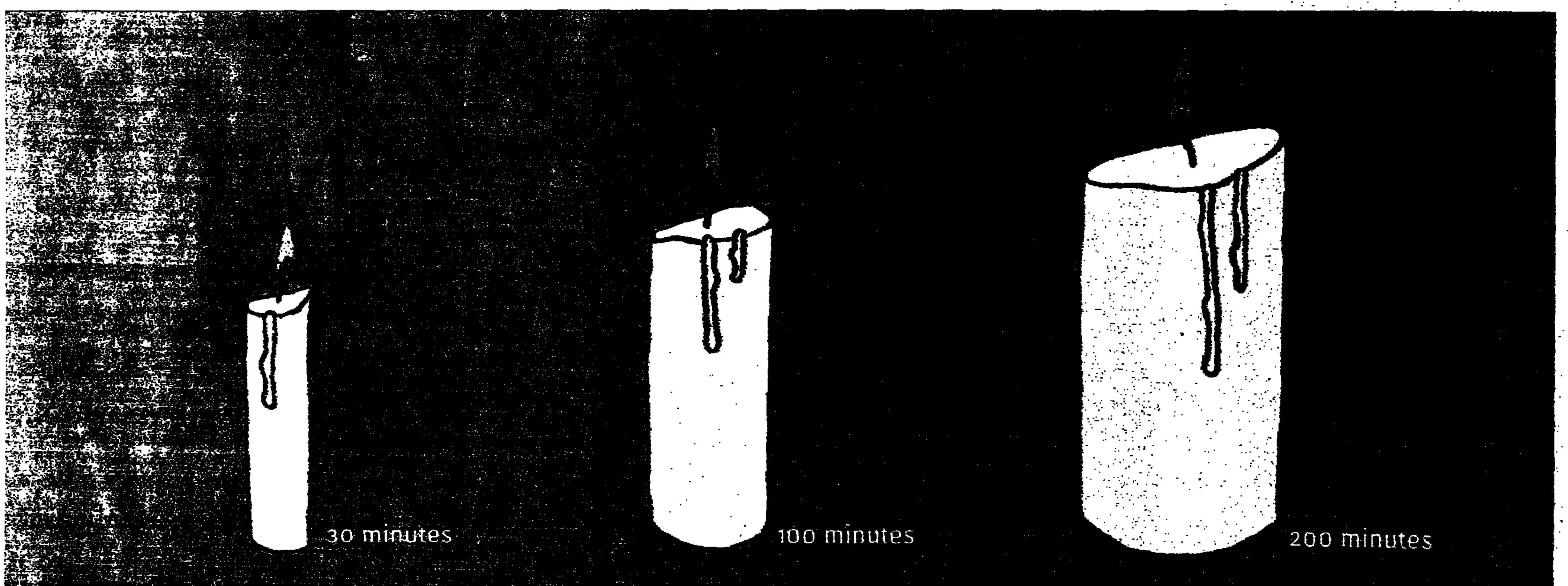
Yesterday *The New York Times* reported that Sheila Widnall, the Secretary of the US Air Force, was leaning towards giving Lieutenant Kite a general, but not honourable, discharge — which would deny him veterans' benefits.

The same treatment was meted out to Lieutenant Flinn, the first woman B52 pilot, who had faced a court martial for adultery and lying about it.

Lieutenant Kite was reportedly unwilling to accept the treatment and is citing many examples of officers who were spared any serious penalty for fraternisation.

His lawyer, seeking dismissal of the charges, has written to Mrs Widnall about 461 couples in the air force where an officer married an enlisted person. They must have fraternised unless they all married total strangers, the lawyer argues.

Brigadier-General Terryl Schwalier, who was in charge of security at the Saudi Arabian base where 19 Americans were killed by a massive lorry bomb, will not face a court martial, it was announced by the air force yesterday.



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Royalist march sparks battle on Tirana streets

FROM TOM WALKER IN TIRANA

OLEG POPOV / REUTER

Leka Zog, surrounded by bodyguards, on the march in Tirana yesterday. His protest parade erupted in shooting and one man was killed

WITH a grenade and a pistol attached to his belt, Leka Zog, in a camouflage-green military uniform and blue beret, led his highlanders down the Boulevard of Martyrs. "Down with Communists," they chanted. "We want a king."

The pretender to the Albanian throne marched his people on, past the marble pyramid of Enver Hoxha, the late Communist despot, past the ice cream vans and international hotels, and on towards the presidential palace.

Ahead his "army", some of them in riot helmets, others with a more Mad Max air, waved their Kalshnikovs to clear motorists and lingering pedestrians. But then the procession veered left — its target not President Berisha, but the Central Election Commission. "You stole our votes," screamed the monarchists.

Within minutes, a post-election demonstration in the balmy sunshine had been transformed into a battle zone; heavy machineguns opened up, grenades detonated, windows smashed. A crowd swollen to around a thousand fled in terror, crashing through bushes and leaping walls. One man was killed and at least five were injured. A trail of blood lay down the path back to the boulevard.

The monarchists had surged towards the election commission doors, but were pushed back by Leka Zog's own bodyguard. A single shot rang out, and the guilty gunman was pulled out. But then the battle proper began.

The most likely culprits were the blue-uniformed special police unit snipers, perched menacingly around the perimeter wall of the national stadium that faces the election commission. Theirs was the only heavy machinegun in the area, as were the rocket propelled grenades they detonated on the football pitch.

The recriminations were fast and furious. Abedin Mulosmanaj, Leka Zog's spokesman and "minister to the royal court of Albania", blamed Fatos Nano and his Socialists, whom he claimed control the special police units. "Fatos Nano is nothing to do with Albanian blood," he stormed. "His name is not worth a penny."

Another theory is that gunmen loyal to President Berisha had infiltrated the monarchists and precipitated the shooting. Leka Zog likes to portray himself as a source of stability, above the bickering of mere politicians. But the Sandhurst-trained giant showed yesterday that his outdated obsession with guns just adds another lethal element to the Albanian political cocktail. "He wanted to go as a soldier for his people," explained Mr Mulosmanaj.

Last Sunday's referendum on restoring the Albanian monarchy has been grossly manipulated by the Socialists, according to the Zog camp, which left them no alternative but to march on the Central Election Commission. Leka Zog's campaign slogan of "Peace, brotherhood and unity", however, bore little relation to the hot-blooded rabble-rousing of his rally in Skenderbeg Square that preceded yesterday's carnage.

"Those who are Albanians, poor Albanians, pick your arms, take your arms and fight for Albania. Death or victory," the crowd sang, giving the cumbersome Zogist salute of a short chop to the abdomen with one arm and thumb and forefinger aloft with the other. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) must hang its head in shame. It seems extraordinary that the monitors of last Sunday's parallel general election and referendum can have already left town, with the glib assertion that the process had been "adequate and acceptable". Days later, there is still no election result and the monarchists are justifiably angry at the OSCE's complete lack of interest in the referendum. The Interior Minister has fled, presumably for his own safety, and the victorious Socialists, defeated Democrats and snubbed monarchists have dissolved into warring factions. President Berisha's Democrats have a semi-loyal presidential guard, Mr Nano has the special police units and Leka Zog has his own private army, trained with the proceeds of his arms dealing years in Spain and South Africa. It does not help that loyalists to Leka's father, King Zog, fought partisans led by Mr Nano's father during the war. "The Communists are blocking roads but they have no power to stop you coming into Tirana. Victory is ours," Mr Mulosmanaj had screamed to the saluting crowd. It could have been the 1940s; the decades merge as one in Europe's most isolated country.

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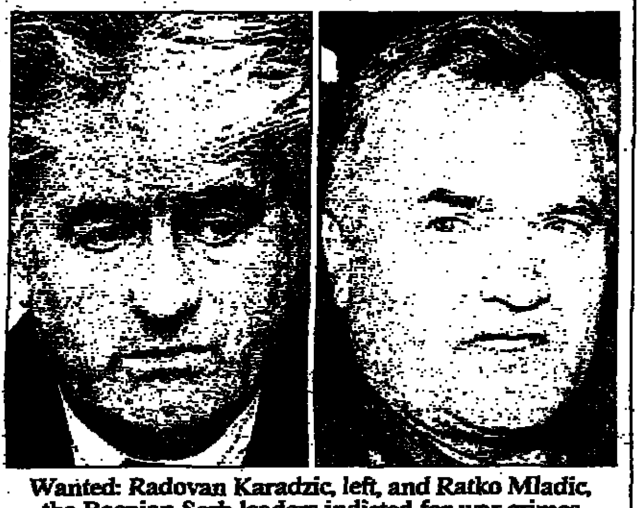
Nato accused of hunt for Karadzic

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR



Wanted: Radovan Karadzic, left, and Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb leaders indicted for war crimes

AS PART of the intensifying power struggle in the Bosnian Serb leadership, Bosnian Serb television yesterday said British and American Nato forces had been given new instructions to seek and arrest on sight Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, the former leaders accused of war crimes.

Although the Ministry of Defence in London denied the report, the broadcast indicated increasing desperation by Bosnian Serb hardliners. British officials said that instructions to the Nato forces in Bosnia had not changed: any indicted war criminal is to be arrested if peacekeeping troops come across them on patrol. No special effort is to be made to seek them out.

The TV report suggested a more pro-active stance had been agreed by Biljana Plavsic, the Bosnian Serb president, and Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, at their meeting last month. British officials said the report might be an attempt to discredit Mrs Plavsic in her power struggle with Dr Karadzic and General Mladic. Yesterday she ordered immediate dissolution of the Bosnian Serb parliament to prevent hardliners using their majority to vote for her dismissal.

German police 'in racist beatings'

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

GERMAN police were accused of brutally manhandling and bullying foreigners in a report by Amnesty International released yesterday. But German authorities denied there was any kind of regular pattern of abuse by the police.

The London-based human rights organisation has catalogued at least 40 cases of foreigners being beaten up or manhandled. The evidence, says Amnesty, suggests a "clear pattern of abuse". Investigations into complaints were often one-sided or slipshod. "Many of the officers allegedly responsible have therefore escaped prosecution ... and none of the foreign or ethnic minority complainants has been compensated for the injuries".

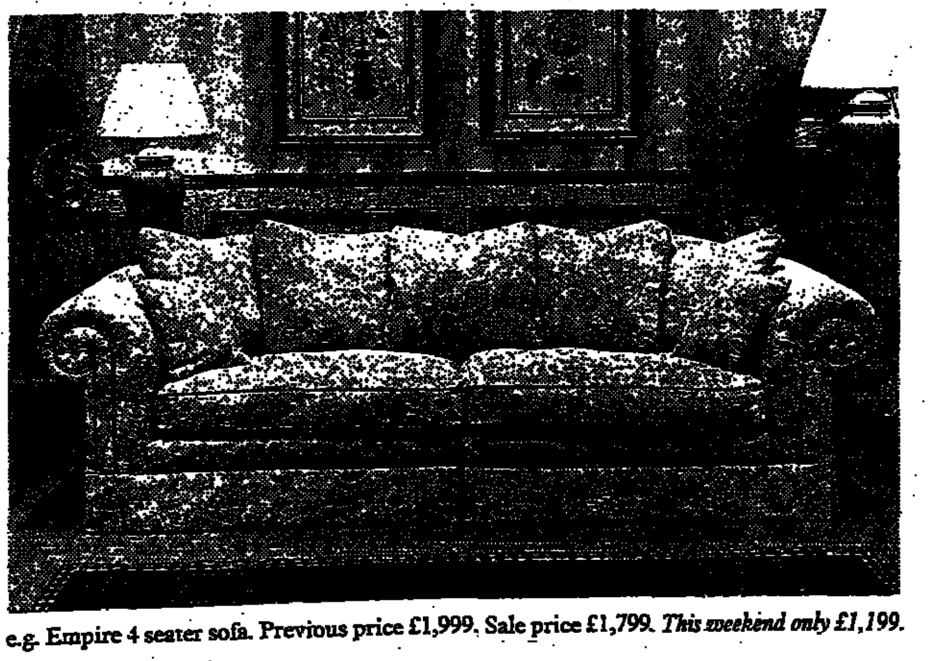
Amnesty cites the example of Mustafa K, a Turk with German citizenship living in Berlin. Last summer police demanded entry to his flat at midnight, saying his son had defaced a street advertisement with a felt-tip pen. They started to search the flat — without a warrant — and when Mr K protested he was thrown to the floor and beaten with a torch and fists, says Amnesty. He was then taken to the police station and beaten again in the van. When he was eventually freed, he went to hospital, where doctors confirmed heavy bruising to face, ribs and shoulders.

When Mr K lodged a formal complaint, the Berlin police opened their own case against him, claiming he had attacked four police officers with his door key. It was therefore necessary, they said, to strike him and immobilise him.

Amnesty says that Mr K never received a fair hearing — witnesses were not heard — and his case was dropped. "As in previous years, the vast majority of the victims are foreign nationals including asylum-seekers or members of ethnic minorities. In many instances the alleged ill treatment appears to have been racially motivated," said Amnesty.

The accusations prompted some lobbyists within the German police to call for urgent reforms. "The police are not xenophobic," said Manfred Kanther, the Interior Minister, in a statement backed by other regional ministers and police spokesmen. But the "Association of Critical Police Officers" called for an independent control commission and anti-racism training.

A survey published in *Stern* magazine yesterday showed that 80 per cent of Germans believe the state to be excessively tolerant, and 54 per cent said German courts were too soft.



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Aitken — and the price of friendship

Valerie Grove on how loyalty has divided two old friends

The affair Aitken is aired in *The Spectator* again today, refuelling the debate on public men and their private friendships. It constantly bedevils the waspish coterie who write for that august and ancient journal. All journalists end up mixing socially with the public figures they write about. We know far more about their private lives, misdemeanours and secret sorrows than *they will ever see* exposed in print. So all journalists make compromises — what we do print is quite bad enough — but in *The Spectator* they tie themselves in knots about it, and write little billets-doux to one another.

Last week, under the banner *Lies, Truth and Aitken*, the magazine carried two opposing reactions: Paul Johnson in passionate defence of Aitken, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne pontificating for the prosecution. Both call Jonathan Aitken their old friend. Johnson saw *The Guardian's* pursuit of Aitken as motivated by malice and envy: "Most journalists lead frustrated lives . . : Jonathan Aitken was the cynosure of this media envy." In full cry, he identified journalists as "ugly, stunted — or if tall, uncouth" people who squander their money on drink and return only late and reluctantly to their "bedraggled wives and unwelcoming homes". The spectacle of Jonathan, handsome, cultured, rich and irresistible to women, drove them to dip their pens in poison to write gleeful, rancorous stories of his downfall.

Friends for 40 years: Paul Johnson and Peregrine Worsthorne

Sir Peregrine, five pages later, rounded on Aitken for his lifelong philandering — repeating tales about his affair with Antonia Fraser — which made deceit a way of life. And because the lies necessary for serial adultery are generally overlooked, and even admired, said Worsthorne, "in some ways a lifetime of adulterous deceit . . . must make lying to a judge, by comparison, seem rather small beer".

This week both return to the fray. Johnson reiterates his devotion to Aitken and extends his animus to all editors who "*corrupted by power, have forgotten why* newspapers exist and who use them to destroy people". Who, he asks, paid for *The Guardian's* Editor to fly to Hong Kong last week, "gorging and sluicing and toasting the surrender of six million free people to the Peking tyranny"? A monumental piece of Johnsonian invective, ending in a Churchillian call to arms.

Over on Perry's page, we find him troubled to be so much at issue with his *old friend Paul "with whom I have been* thick for 40 years". At first he thought Paul must be joking in what he said about their mutual old friend Jonathan. Now he is worried that Paul might drop him on the ground of his betrayal. "In other words Paul, unlike PW, may have done the loyal and honourable thing." But was it to the credit or discredit of Anthony *Blunt's friends that some of them stood by* him? He hopes that his disagreement with Paul will be not be long-lasting.

Meanwhile on another page, Simon Blow languidly excuses all dishonesty on Aitken's part because chicanery is second nature to the privileged classes. "Public school and upper-class landed backgrounds are such a breeding ground for envy and financial dissatisfaction that I am amazed that so many manage to repress their criminal side," he breezes, citing Lord Brocket, Darius Guppy, Sir Jock Delves-Broughton and other "larger-than-life" characters with expensive needs.

It is another example of *The Spectator's* indulgence of the iconoclastic.

I don't think Worsthorne should worry. Any week, Paul or Perry can be relied upon to defend a miscreant or attack a popular cause. There is never any telling which way either will turn. Their sentiments, couched in self-righteous terms, often intolerant and intemperate, are as readable as they are unpredictable. All such commentators — A.N. Wilson, Auberon Waugh, Brian Sewell et al — play this game: consistency is anathema. The reader loses track of which columnist *is suddenly carrying a torch for Fergie*, which finds Diana persona non grata — or vice versa.

Forty years ago Paul Johnson was proposing the abolition of the monarchy, *the House of Lords and Oxbridge, views* utterly at odds with those he holds today. As a scrupulously fair Charles Nevin got Johnson to explain in *The Guardian* recently, Johnson only writes whatever he sincerely thinks at the time, as he has for 45 years, and even if he later admits that what he said was utterly silly, he stands by his right to say it. Similarly Perry, who recently wrote that he never knew quite what he thought about anything until he *had written about it: that is the journalist's* art in a nutshell.

So Worsthorne's "No more than an egg can be bad in parts can a man be a liar and a deceiver in his private life and scrupulously honest and trustworthy in his public life", which sounds like the axiom of a man of papal infallibility in his own private life, are actually the words of the moment written for public *consumption* about someone whose hand he might very well shake again one day. As Perry *said* when *I* rang *him* yesterday, there are degrees of deceit, and degrees of friendship. Paul and Perry's friendship is a real one: Aitken, whose hospitality both have enjoyed, is not in the same category, and "journalists are in a tricky area, writing about colleagues and acquaintances. The crux of the matter is that *Paul thinks Jonathan was* unjustly accused. The idea that Jonathan is a cavalier hero is a misunderstanding. Perjury is a major offence, not a peccadillo."

Claus von Bülow puts his oar in, with a letter to *The Spectator* wondering what Sir Perry's "honourable and invariably truthful" father-in-law, Lord Lambton, would make of Perry's thesis that adultery *must lead to mendacity in public life?* Fair point, says Worsthorne. He adds: "There are exceptions to every rule, as Claus von Bülow ought to know."

Like the libel action by Andrew Neil against Worsthorne a few years ago, these affairs involving moralising and metaphorical duelling are painful for the *protagonists* but vastly enjoyable for us.

Aitken, wherever he is, will be watching it all, with that familiar dimpled half-*smile playing about his lips. Ever since I* turned up at his Cambridge hotel 30 years ago to interview him for *Varsity* and found him asleep in bed — he suavely ordered breakfast for two, telling room service "I have a guest" — I have regarded Jonathan Aitken as the epitome of cool. His great-uncle Beaverbrook told him: "*Your father is a good man*, but a dull one. You must make mischief." He took the advice to heart.

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My years of torment with Norman Mailer

For the great American novelist's first wife, life with Norman Mailer began with a night of love, and ended with a knife in the ribs. Next week, in extracts from her new book, *The Last Party*, published exclusively in The Times, Adele Mailer tells her extraordinary story

JEFFREY HORNSTEIN

"Everyone sees him as a writer of genius, a giant, and he is one. But for me he's a monster. A perverse, dangerous monster".

'He had a dazzling mind — the ultimate aphrodisiac'

Norman Mailer's ex-wife tells **Tunku Varadarajan** of her violent marriage

Adele Mailer puts down her fork and points carefully to the area beneath her left breast.

"That's where Norman stabbed me. That's where he stabbed me with a dirty penknife. He stabbed me in the back, too, all with a dirty three-inch penknife he'd found in the street. He was drunk, crazed, out of control." There is *no pause for effect, no* dramatic lingering, as she starts to eat again. The tables around us in the restaurant, however, have fallen silent.

Mrs Mailer wants the world to know exactly what happened when her ex-husband Norman Mailer stabbed her. "Everyone sees him as a writer of genius, a giant, and he is one. But for me he's a monster. A perverse, dangerous monster."

Her book about her life with him — *The Last Party* — is as much a cry for attention as an act *of bitter revenge. "It took* me five years to write and I'm now *drained*." She emphasises *the word, before* breaking into the alluring smile that once drove Mailer wild with lust.

"Look at those pictures in my book. I was beautiful. I was sexy. Norman couldn't keep his hands off me." She met Mailer in 1950, *at a party* on Manhattan's Upper East Side. He had just published *The Naked and the Dead*; she was a painter from a blue-collar Hispanic family who had been going out with another writer, Jack Kerouac. *She and Mailer made love* almost immediately "several times. I don't think he'd been laid for a long time and he had half a bottle of Scotch in him. I had multiple orgasms that night. I always did with Norman. Our sex was wonderful."

This is a 72-year-old woman speaking. And speaking out. "Norman nearly killed me. He 20 years if I hadn't perjured myself." Mrs Mailer, it is true, saved her husband from jail in 1960 (he was given five years' probation for assault). "I did it for our two young children. I didn't do it for him."

What *pushed her, after all* these years, to tell her harsh story in public? "I had to. Everyone, everyone, saw the stabbing as Norman's tragedy. They still do. But it was *my* tragedy. Mine. And I want people to see it that way.

"I'll tell you something. The O. J. Simpson case came up while I was writing my book. And it stirred up a lot of rage in me. I was reliving things, the whole process of a celebrity being given preferential treatment. OJ got all the attention, while Nicole, his dead wife, was ignored. It *was the same* with me and Norman. I was ignored. My near-death was *insignificant. Nothing.*"

She speaks with passion, and compassion. "We did love each other. You must see that. My book makes that clear. It's not a trashy 'he did this to me and then he did that to me' sort of book. I was just as screwed as he was. I drank. He drank. God, how we drank. But I wasn't an animal. He's a *bit* of an animal. A bit."

She tugs at my sleeve, and smiles again. "My book hasn't had a ca*thartic effect at all on me*. No, those scars won't go away. It will have an effect on *him* though, because it's all about accountability. Norman is a terrible bully, and no one has made him account for his actions. I will."

Adele Mailer lived with the "monster" for 11 years, during which she claims she was assaulted and cheated on. Why? She looks disconcerted by the question. Why, I ask, did you live for so long with a *man like that*? "It was exciting. I loved being Mrs Norman Mailer. He had a dazzling *mind, and that's the ultimate* aphrodisiac for me." But her tale gets darker. "Also, I had no money. Two small kids. And I was damaged . . . I was an alcoholic, and people who drink that much don't think in straight lines.

"I stayed with him. A woman would understand, even today's women, who are lucky, who can turn to people and organisations and groups like that. I couldn't. My father adored Norman, and my parents would have had a *fit* if I'd made a fuss. You see, they were in the dark about my true condition. Norman was always on his best behaviour when we went to see them."

Mrs Mailer is a sad, gentle *woman*. But she is not without a sense of vengeance and theatre. "*I want my book to make* Norman suffer. You know, he has *never* said sorry to me in a meaningful way. He's very sadistic like that, and I'm only human. I want him to say sorry. He has prospered while I've just wasted away. He's been married six times. I never married again."

● The Last Party: Scenes from my life with Norman Mailer *will be published by Blake Publishing on August 10 at £16.99*

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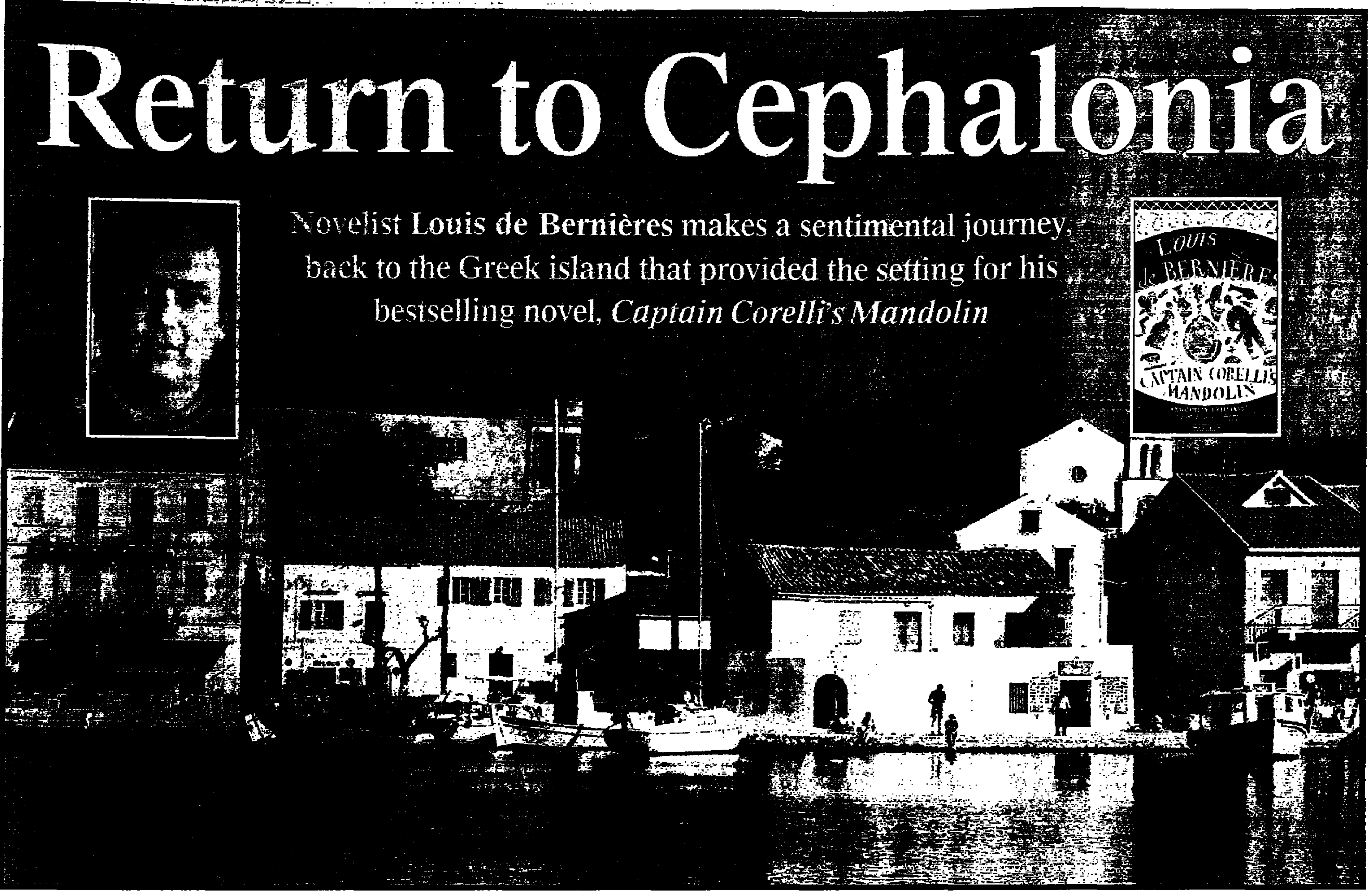
Return to Cephalonia

Novelist **Louis de Bernières** makes a sentimental journey back to the Greek island that provided the setting for his bestselling novel, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*



I was initially very reluctant when Peter Bevan, an independent film-maker, approached me with the idea of making a documentary about *Captain Corelli's Mandolin.* A writer's fame is the pleasantest sort, because no one ever recognises you, and exposure on television can mean the end of one's peace.

I had been on television in countries as various as Denmark, Canada, Greece, and the USA, but I had sworn never to go on British television; this was a resolution that was terribly easy to adhere to, since I had never been asked anyway.

When Peter said that the documentary would entail going to Cephalonia, and that there would be plenty of spare time, I fairly rapidly adjusted *my principles, deciding that* those who watch programmes about books would probably be too sophisticated to be a nuisance, should they spot me in the Arndale Centre.

Peter said that he would like me to bring my mandolin, and so I put myself onto a crash refresher course, having given it up a year ago in order to have a craze for flute and clarinet. It was good to feel the strings under my fingers *again, and rediscover what an* excellent instrument it is. I also discovered that a year's worth of not practising had perfected my tremolo, which I had been unable to do before.

I was very much afraid that going back would make me feel deeply sad, because I had previously gone there with Caroline, my former girlfriend. She had loved it as much as I did, and her memories are, I hope, just as *sweet. It would feel strange, at* the very least, to be there without her. There were six of us on the expedition, however, and, as it turned out, we rapidly became such good friends that the twinges I felt were not as sharp as they would have been otherwise. Nostalgia that is sweetened by affection and gratitude is not so unbearable.

My first big surprise upon returning was the realisation *that Cephalonia was a modern* island. When I was writing the book, my imagination had transformed it back into what it was 60 years ago, with Venetian architecture, stony roads and peasants on donkeys.

I had almost completely forgotten the Cephalonia that I had actually visited, where people have mobile phones and e-mail numbers. *I had to* look very hard at the titanic olive trees, the occasional ruins, and the goats that perch idiotically upon vertical cliff-faces, in order to conjure up once again the past that I had reinvented in the novel.

I was helped by meeting various people who remembered the events with which I had dealt. I met a 90-year-old doctor who sang Puccini, remembered everything with absolute clarity, and used to be paid in chickens and aubergines, just as my Dr Iannis had been. He was an obstetrician, and he liked to scandalise his equally ancient wife by making remarks about knowing more women more intimately than anyone else on the island. I also came across Eleni Cosmetatou, curator of the historical museum, and another remarkable nonagenarian, who had provided me with the original reading list that was to provide the core of my research.

'The wine shop gave me free wine, thus spoiling a shot of me paying for it'

She is a formal and formidable lady, and when she congratulated me on the relative accuracy of my book, I felt as though I had received the benediction of whoever it is who tells God what to do. With gracious hyperbole, one of her assistants told me that 90 per cent of the museum's visitors were doing Captain Corelli tours.

Of course, the trouble with writing an historical novel is that after it is published, you get deluged by information that you really needed before rather than after. Sometimes you hear remarkable stories that you could have used, and sometimes people spot mistakes. *Tant pis*; the truly heartening thing about my return was the discovery that the Cephalonians are marvellously pleased with me. Cephalonia is next to Corfu, it is just as beautiful and interesting, and yet, because the German Royal Family never hhad a house there, and because it has had no equivalent of the Durrells, it has not enjoyed the same fame.

Cephalonians are offended by this injustice, and they feel vindicated by the sudden fame caused by Captain Corelli. Whereas many parts of Corfu have been wrecked by British yobs and yobbesses getting drunk, shouting racist insults at the locals, fighting, vomiting, crashing mopeds, scoffing chips and quaffing litres of lukewarm brown sauce that is *imaginatively considered to be* beer, Cephalonia is still quiet and pleasant, and intends to remain so.

The Cephalonians, like all Greeks, believe that their particular corner of Greece has the water that tastes the most like water, the purest light, the best wine, the best honey, the most beautiful women, and the wittiest men, and they are prepared to love anyone who *loves their island as much as* they do.

'I was very much afraid that going back would make me feel deeply sad'

The wine shop gave me free wine, thus spoiling a shot of me paying for it. The baggage handler at the airport shook my hand, and Minas, a café owner in Fiscardo, drove away his clients so that we could use his café for filming, refusing payment afterwards. Best of all, Spiros Galiatos, the president of the Hoteliers Association, and Nickos Kappatos, one of the most important hotel managers, came to see me.

Nickos said that he had read the book twice, once in Greek, and once in English, adding that one in five of his guests was reading the book on the beach. He and Spiros said that I could stay in their hotels any time I liked, for as long as I liked. I don't know who it was who said "Beware of Greeks, and those bearing gifts", but I say: "A pox and a plague on those who make up daft *proverbs.*" *England, farewell.*

● Captain Corelli's Mandolin *will be read on* Book at Bedtime *on Radio 4, starting on Monday.*

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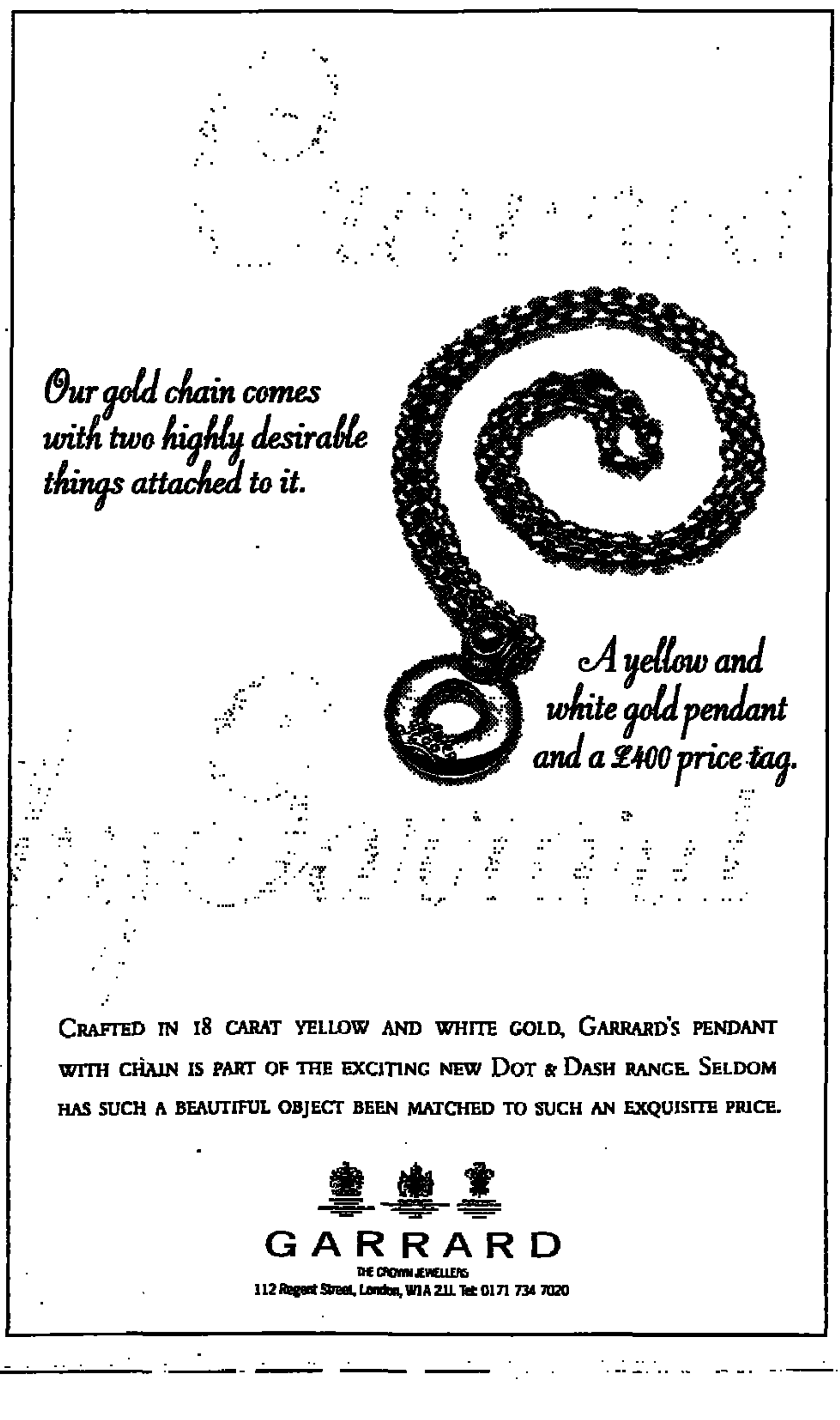
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Reinventing the Protestant work ethic

Father Brown wants the nation to be one family, says **John Lloyd**

With that feline sense of the psychically appropriate which is its mark, the *Daily Mail* on Budget day ran a front-page picture of Gordon Brown dining in a Soho restaurant with Sarah Macaulay, who is said to be his girlfriend. The image of a Cabinet minister dining non-furtively with an attractive young woman — truly an innovation in government — underscored the Chancellor's single status and his detachment from the assumed mores of higher public life.

Mr Brown had his own image to stamp on the popular *mind (his girlfriend is*, after all, a public relations consultant) which was curiously complementary to the *Mail's* one. He emerged from 11 *Downing Street holding his* new red box, made by four apprentices from the Rosyth dockyard which is in his constituency. The apprentices — two men and two women — emerged also and ranged themselves behind him.

Thus was created an ersatz family for the bachelor Chancellor: a symbolic family of youngsters, whose relationship to Mr Brown was expressed in the work they had *done for him. It is a symbol of* the larger relationship he wishes to see between the citizenry and the nation, one of rights to be fitted for work and responsibilities to do it.

> In our age of labour, work is the basis of civility

This relationship gives sense to a passage in his Budget speech which was revealingly inserted in a section devoted to childcare. "For too long the United Kingdom has been united only in name," he said. "From today, ours is a country where *everyone has a contribution to* make."

It is a remarkable phrase, especially for a Scot to utter. The kingdoms united in the United Kingdom were those of England and Scotland, as he perfectly well knows — but he has dared to redefine it as a kingdom whose cohesiveness depends not on the ancient union of the crowns and parliaments of two independent states, but on the new *Labour belief that only* through work of hand or brain can the individual fully enter into the civic state.

Mr Brown believes that the global economy enforces on all nations the imperative rapidly to re-educate their people. "The central purpose of this Budget," he declared, "is to ensure that Britain is equipped to rise to the challenge of the new and fast-changing global economy." Conventional wisdom — almost a bromide. But he added in the next breath: "Not just a few of us. But everyone."

It is the "everyone" which *makes the difference. If* "everyone" is to be included, then the economy must be reshaped to admit the uneducated young, the single mothers, *even the disabled, so that* "the many, by their own efforts, [can] benefit from opportunities once open only to a few".

Among its other functions, the Budget was *thus the first* step towards the restructuring of the welfare state, which Mr *Brown has* for long seen as one of his prime functions. He conceives of the Treasury as the headquarters of an industrial conglomerate, with subsidiaries quaintly titled the Departments of Education, Health, Social Security, Trade and Industry. He shares the view of his fellow countryman Adam Smith that the economy is an interrelated matrix of activities for which, to be sure, the self-interest of the market actors is the main fuel, but whose engine requires service, repair and overhaul by the political powers.

As the 19th and much of the 20th centuries were the age of capital, Mr Brown believes that the late 20th and 21st centuries are the age of labour, an age in which there is, for every country, "only one truly national resource, the talent and the potential of its workforce". An irony, now that Labour has ceased to be a socialist party demanding the maximum for the workers? No: for Mr Brown has redefined socialism's pursuit of equality to mean as much equality as possible in the pursuit of work.

This means the end of the Worker as the demander of rights, *represented* by trade unions with an infinite agenda of reforms, and the entrance of the Citizen, whose right and duty is to work. The social democratic state will no longer cushion the Worker from the effects of illness, injury and age, but fit the Citizen to take care of himself. Welfare to Work is also a passage from state provision to self-provision. The provider state is to be replaced by the heuristic state.

In Opposition, ideas were hugely important for Mr Brown: he consumed them in great gulps, scouring through contemporary philosophers, sociologists, management strategists and economists for a digest of how the world was seen to work. The big idea he distilled from them is that modern civility is acquired and sustained by work: that a real, as opposed to a notional, inclusion in society is impossible *without it. Ideas do matter* in politics, certainly when a new kind of politics is being forged, as Labour is now attempting to do.

Mr Brown proposed in his Budget a new definition of the national "family" — one whose virtues he cast in terms which would once have tripped from Margaret Thatcher's speechwriters' laptops: "Our creativity, our adaptability, our belief in hard work and self-improvement, the very qualities that made Britain lead the world in the 18th and 19th *centuries . . ." As in the best* families, benefits are given on the assumption that there is a response manifest in the performance of duties.

This is the beguiling vision of Father Brown. Can it be made flesh? If it is not, he will judge himself to have failed in his paternal duties.

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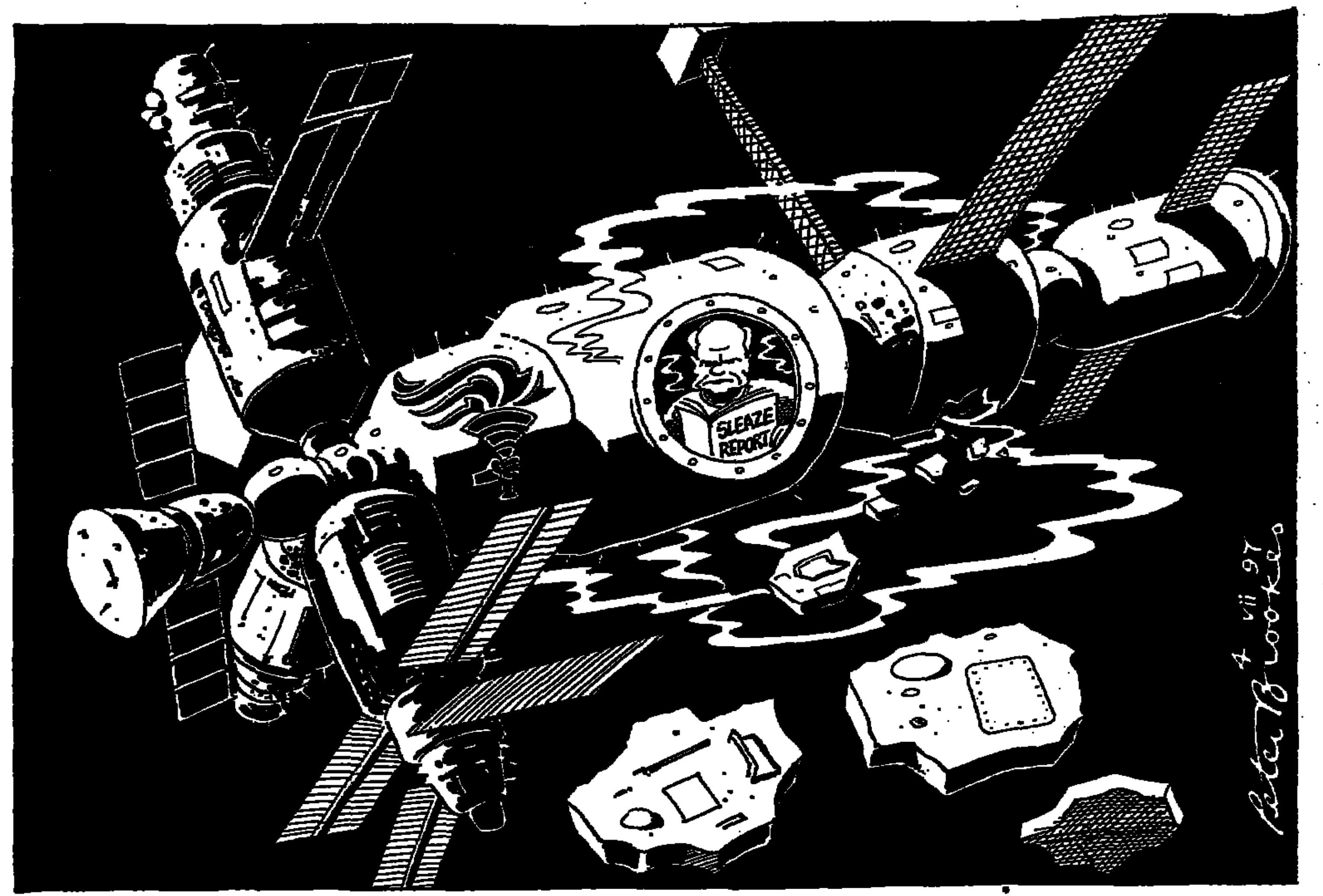

"Mayday... Mayday... we've lost power, are cracking up, no longer aligned with The Sun, and the stench in here is quite awful..."

Certainty versus caprice

Stability is the virtue of democracies, unpredictability the vice of tyrannies

Matthew Parris

Anyone who looks after small children will have noticed *how very early in a child's* life comes a desire to know what the rules are. With this comes a startling capacity for distress when an undertaking is reneged upon. "But Mummy, *you said* I could stay up if I was good in the car . . ." — a child's fury when it believes that an undertaking solemnly given has been broken is palpable.

"But Mummy, you let *him* stay up if *he* was good . . ." — equally surprising is the child's sophisticated resentment, almost before it has learnt to speak, when rules are not applied consistently. Two civic virtues, that of the little helper and the conservative jurist, seem to emerge well before the more primitive qualities *we associate with infancy. It is* with the conservative jurist in every breast that this essay is concerned.

Memories of early childhood record, as one of its first and most searing miseries, some occasion when our co-operation was sought on the understanding that something would be given in return, and the promise was not honoured. It is easy to work out why. The capacity which distinguishes *Homo sapiens* from other animals (except, at a low level, apes) and equips him to survive, *master his world and prosper*, is the capacity to plan; to decide his actions with a view to their likely consequences and the likely responses of others. We can plan our engagement with inanimate objects, as when we design a wall, and with other human beings, as when we agree the boundaries to our property.

In planning our engagements with others, nothing is more important than that we should be able to arrive at a common understanding of what consequences will flow from what actions. We must be able to say what we will do, and hear what others will do, and rely and act upon the promises (and threats) we exchange. Otherwise it is not worth starting.

Within families and small units of community, this framework is built mostly unwittingly, fits itself to need, and usually works. Problems arise, however, as the framework grows *larger and more sophisticated*, encompassing large numbers of people who do not know each other. At this point rules need to be formalised and in some way policed.

It is here that what we may call a "State" begins to materialise. If I promise to mention the words Hong Kong only once below, will you *accept that what follows only touches* on a subject from which we are now entitled to a few days' respite? The thought set out here has been prompted — no more — by recent tributes to British colonial administration.

The key to Hong Kong's success has not been democracy. Nor, even, has it been justice. It has been the creation of a zone of certainty in an uncertain continent. That certainty was first underpinned not by Chris Patten's local democracy, but by *British democracy. It matters less* whose democracy, ours or theirs, provides the underpinning, than that certainty — certainty of contract, of abode, of free movement, of personal safety, of the operation of law — is underpinned. It matters less that the law is fair, than that people know what the law is: that it will not change with the weather. The benign effects of simply leaving the furniture of the State where it is, so that citizens learn how to manoeuvre without stubbing their toes, can hardly be overstated.

In human affairs there is one need above all others which good government must supply: a citizen must be enabled so to order his life that when an action is decided upon, he can make intelligent guesses about its likely consequence. Unless we can plan, the limitless energy and ingenuity of human beings is paralysed.

Why plant a field, if you have no assurance of enjoying its harvest? Why start a building if someone else may come and knock it down? Why start a business if a new government *may confiscate it? Why save, if your* savings may be destroyed by inflation? There is a widespread misconception in the West that people in the Third World work hard. On the *whole they do not. What would be the* point? We work harder.

Although the modern State has come to do many things beyond providing a rule of law, that remains its central, sacred function. *If it* means anything, "rule of law" means rules whose operation the ordinary citizen can both understand and *predict. In Saudi Arabia you may* have a hand chopped off if you steal: but people know that. The wisdom of Solomon, although kinder and perfectly wise, fell short of the rule of law because it was not transparent in advance to his subjects.

Solomon provided equity, but what human beings require more than anything is certainty. Uncertainty is the greatest injustice of all. The vexation of a businessman fined for being hours late with his VAT payment is real, but he knows the *rules. Far more sapping to commerce* is the system which prevails in much of Africa, where half the tax is never collected and a minority of taxpayers is singled out at whim and overcharged.

Because certainty is the primary function of law, its value is often, paradoxically, overlooked. The 1960s, Lord Denning's heyday, saw an intellectual fashion in Britain for bending the law (or "creatively interpreting" it) in order to provide an equitable judgment in hard cases, especially in civil law.

One litigant gains a surprising victory and feels justice has been done in his particular case. That is a gain. An unquantifiable number of potential future litigants suffer a very slight diminution in the certainty with which they may reckon their chances of suing or being sued, of being acquitted or convicted. That is a greater loss. It undermines security.

In a free market economy, certainty is especially important. Nowhere is this clearer than in those "developing" countries where the arrangements that citizens wish to make with each other are interfered with by two great ills: official corruption and official caprice.

And the greatest of these ills is caprice. Corruption, if it is formalised and governed by a shared understanding of its purposes, scope and limits, need not be fatal to a flourishing economy. Italy has shown this, as has Switzerland. It is where, as in Africa, corruption and caprice walk hand in hand that the poison paralyses trade, investment and human industry.

There is no greater enemy to caprice in government than democracy. Deprive any individual or closed *elite of the power to steer the ship of* state unchallenged and in perpetuity, and you make it harder to alter the ship's course at all.

This is a paradox about government which has hardly been noticed. Contrary to appearances, it is not democracy which is fickle, but dictatorship. In small, silly things — the Dangerous Dogs Act, for example — public opinion is capricious. But on all the great questions — taxation, welfare, warfare — democracy serves as a steadying influence on government. *Very few democracies go to* war with other democracies or make sudden, destabilising changes to tax or welfare. Democracies tend to gradualism. Tyrannies tend towards whim.

Tyrannies may look formidable, tenacious, iron-clad — but examine their record and you will find they more often behave like butterflies. Occasionally, one strong leader — an Atatürk, Tito or Franco — proves capable of holding to a course for a while, but these are the exception. The history of Africa, South America and, until recently, Asia, suggests that "strong" dictators provide weak (if sometimes cruel) government.

To sum up: in a free country and a free market, government must allow people to plan. If government does that, it has achieved the primary purpose of the State, liberating individuals to do the rest. Representative democracy is to be valued neither as an end in itself, which it is not; nor as a route to improving the quality of official decisions, which it may not do; nor as a force for efficiency, which it is far from being; nor as a dependable source of justice to individuals, which it cannot guarantee. Its value is the value of a sheet-anchor: *a sail placed not into the* wind but into the water, restraining the vessel from too sudden, fast or changeable a movement in any direction.

Democracy's value, in short, is to be found not in any genius for initiation or change or even reform, but in its ability to restrain the caprice of the few by the inertia of the many. Democracy, not tyranny, will prove for the next century the main engine of conservatism.

Philip Howard

■ William is his name, but Hague the Younger's an impostor

William Hague is not just William, nor even Just William. His instant reply to the Budget, the hardest job of the year for a politician because he has to fly blind and unbriefed into turbulence, was too *damned* goody-goody. His accents are menacing Northern when they should be a patina of genteel Surbiton, imposed by his long-suffering mother over an impasto of 1950s schoolboy slang and common Sarfeast accent. His suits are too well-tailored and far too clean, his huge central parting is too manicured, and, as far as one can judge from the Press Gallery, his knees are not dirty enough. Above all, he seemed to be in earnest in his factitious hoo-ha about a Budget leak.

The real Just William would have had a mischievous smirk at the trouble *he was hoping to* cause. And he would also have been indulging in his fertile fantasy life as a world dictator or tennis ace . . . "Good ole Alan!" thought William and swaggered up to the dispatch box. His sense of importance rose at every step. He wasn't a boy going to reply to the Budget for his party. He was a famous circus-owner going to collect a few more lions and tigers for his circus. He stood at the dispatch box cracking his *whip. Lions, tigers, hyenas,* bears, Heaths and Tarzans circled around him. "Down, there! Down!" he shouted, then, "Good ole boy!" to a lion called Bill who had just walked the tightrope to thunderous applause. "You next!" to a veteran lioness who had just stalked into the ring . . .

No, the literary analogy does not fit exactly. For William Hague is not really Just William but Hubert Lane, leader of the rival gang to William's Outlaws. *Hubert actually enjoys* being smartly turned out in his Eton collar and suits. He is always polite to grown-ups and never uses coarse words such as "Corks!" in front of them. He says sick-making things such as: "Gosh, what a ripping tea, Mrs Brown." His gang, the Laneites, are in a permanent deadly feud with the Outlaws. And although the Outlaws always win by the end, the Laneites get plenty of chances to snigger and conspire. And *Hubert* gets plenty of chances to make pi speeches to the grown-ups, while his small pig-like eyes gleam in triumph.

The piggy eyes are unfair to Mr Hague. And his image is still unfamiliar to us, and may change to more of a William as we hear more from him. He will not know what we are talking about, since at the age when he should have been reading Richmal Crompton he was poring over *Hansard* and learning lists of prime ministers by heart, activities that William would have considered a jolly rotten swiz.

The best candidate for Just William is Kenneth Clarke, with his rumpled appearance and cavalier attitude. But Ken still belongs to the same gang as Mr Hague, just about. From the opposite side of Westminster Avenue, Gordon Brown has the right surname to be Just William, but he too seems one of nature's Laneites. Can you imagine William saying "I will tackle the weaknesses that have held Britain back for too many years" with a straight face?

The best Just Williams on the Labour side are Tony Banks and John Prescott. There are several candidates for Violet Elizabeth Bott, but none to out-thcream and thcream the matriarch. Robin Cook is Ginger. Tony Blair could be one of those wet curates with a permanent grin, whom William keeps on interrupting while the said curate is trying to woo William's sister Ethel. Or he may be a bit of a Hubert too, one of those angelic *children who* are always getting the rest into trouble and somehow themselves escaping without chastisement.

Time, the great myth-maker, will tell. There used to be a theory that children liked either *Just William* or *Swallows and Amazons*, with parents favouring the latter. In my experience it is possible to enjoy both, but to prefer Angela Brazil's girl's school stories to either. And when it comes to listening to the Budget speech and then delivering an extemporary reply, the proper authority is neither Just William nor Hubert Lane, but that child for all ages, Bertie Wooster: "It just shows what any Member of Parliament will tell you, that if you want real oratory, the preliminary noggin is essential. *Unless pie-eyed, you* cannot hope to grip."

It's over

SADDENED rather than angry, the Tory party and Lord Saatchi's advertising agency have once again parted company. The split had been predicted, as stories poured out both during and after the general election about rows over the Tories' advertising strategy pitting Saatchi against John Major and Brian Mawhinney, the former party chairman.

It was made formal this week, however, by William Hague. Lord Parkinson's appointment as party chairman had raised false hopes that M&C Saatchi would survive as the Tory agency. In the short term, it is no great loss for the company. The Tories will not be needing much advertising for a while. For the 1999 European elections, however, they will hold a pitch in which Saatchi's company will have to compete with others for the account.

The last time Saatchi and the Tories split was after the 1987 election, when Sir Tim Bell's interventions muddied relations. After a period of trial separation, the two were back together again.

"The split was inevitable after what happened during the election," said one inside Hague's "fresh" party machine. "But then the love affair between the Tory party and the name Saatchi means you can never rule out a reunion."

"No wonder we haven't had a decent holiday for years. You're not mentioned in the Downey report anywhere."

● *Despite his controversial paedophile interview, things are looking up for the overcooked morning chat show host Robert Kilroy-Silk. The former Labour MP is negotiating to buy a house on the Caribbean island of Antigua belonging to the guitarist Eric Clapton. It is on Shirley Heights in Falmouth and costs about £500,000. Kilroy-Silk excuses this gift for himself on the ground that it is a quick three-hour flight from New York, where his show will appear amid the deviants of local television.*

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Crrrunch

EARLY risers on the morning after the British left Hong Kong saw the People's Army humiliated as it entered the former colony. In the drizzle and fog on the Man Kan To checkpoint, a convoy of Chinese trucks started to roll in from their enclosed encampment. Some 100 had passed through when there was a long pause in the flow.

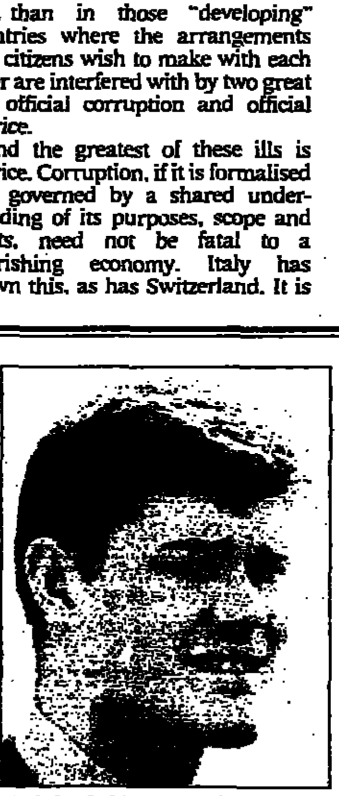
Then, from the Hong Kong side, came several trucks from the Hong Kong vehicle recovery unit. They disappeared over the crossing-point before returning with several Chinese trucks in various states of disrepair in tow: the most cack-handed invasion since Mussolini's tanks sank into the sands of Abyssinia. It emerged that there had been a pile-up in the enclosed area as Chinese drivers raced to be first across the border.

Oar-ful

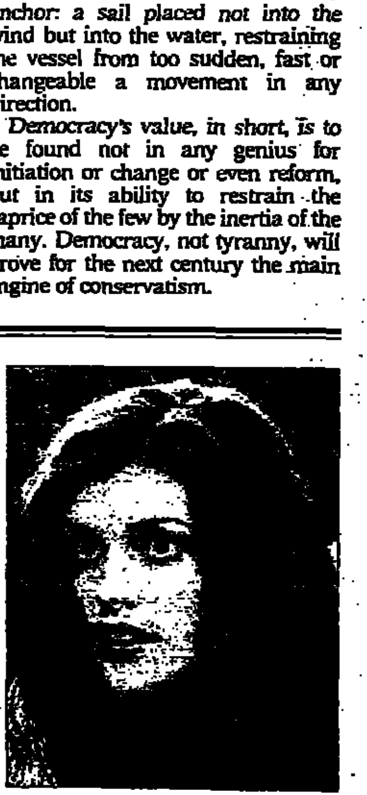
TUESDAY night in the Hurlingham Club and the Tory Spouses' Dining Club met for the final time. It was founded in 1987 for spouses of Conservative MPs and boasted Cecilia (Lady Nicholas) Scott, Mary (Mrs Kenneth) Baker, Charmian (Mrs Timothy) Eggar and Clive Landa (the husband of Lynda Chalker) among others. After the election, however, most diners no longer fulfilled the criterion of marriage to an MP.

Much missed will be the club's rowing outings on the Thames. "We trained in a water-tank in Putney," says Lady Scott, who rowed herself. "Mary Baker used to cox. She was formidable."

● *Wallowing in the outcome of the Downey report, Mohamed Al Fayed's spokesman and fixer, Michael Cole, has his own dark secret: thirty years ago, he used to be called Dexter. "Dexter was only my middle name," pleads Cole, a former chief elf in the Harrods grotto. "Everybody addressed me by it, but my bosses at Anglia TV persuaded me that Michael sounded better, so I changed to that and stuck with it."*



Nightclubber: Jamie Packer



Nude film role: Kate Fischer

Spliced

EARLIER this week Jamie Packer braced himself and telephoned his father, the Australian billionaire Kerry Packer. He told the old man that he had become engaged to Kate Fischer, 23, best known for her naked role in the Australian film *Sirens*. Sydney's nightclubs, where the young Packer was a regular guest, are in mourning.

Previous contenders for Packer's hand include the *weathergirl* Tania Bryer and the shopping journalist Nicola Formby. "The family have no comment to make," says one of Packer Senior's staff at the Savoy Hotel, where he is occupying four suites for the London season. "We have not yet planned the party."

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THE DOWNEY VERDICT

A damning judgment on the arrogance of power

How quickly current affairs can become history. Had the Downey report on the "cash for questions" scandal been published, as it should have been, before the general election, the Conservatives might have suffered an electoral catastrophe rather than a mere disaster. Now, two months later, the MPs condemned by Sir Gordon Downey are out of the Commons anyway. The fate of the governing party has already been decided. All that remains is the reputation of five former Members of Parliament.

But, as a verdict on the integrity of two members of the last Government, Sir Gordon's report is devastating. Statements by Neil Hamilton, former Trade Minister, were "in varying degrees untruthful". Mr Hamilton "deliberately misled the President of the Board of Trade", "enriched himself at the indirect expense of a constituent", and "persistently and deliberately failed to declare his interests in dealings with ministers and officials . . . and in some cases was positively misleading". Worst of all, Sir Gordon finds the evidence "compelling" that Mr Hamilton accepted cash from Mohamed Al Fayed in return for lobbying services: "The way in which these payments were received and concealed," he finds, "fell well below the standards expected of Members of Parliament."

Tim Smith, the former Northern Ireland Minister, is found to have accepted between £18,000 and £25,000 from Mr Al Fayed, made "a disingenuous attempt at concealment" and also failed to declare his interests to ministers and officials. Sir Andrew Bowden, Sir Michael Grylls and Michael Brown are found guilty of receiving payments and failing to declare them as well.

At least Mr Smith eventually admitted to having taken money. He resigned his Beaconsfield seat shortly before the election. Mr Hamilton, however, decided to brazen it out. He fought Martin Bell in Tatton on the ground that he was innocent of all the allegations against him. He wrote to this newspaper in such terms too. Although the voters delivered their verdict on May 1, he continued to protest that he would be exonerated. Even now, after the most damning possible findings from an independent and fair-minded investigator, Mr Hamilton claims to have suffered a "miscarriage of justice".

Most will find his remarks laughable. After all, as Sir Gordon writes: "It is difficult to escape the conclusion that, as the inquiry has progressed and more and more has been discovered, Mr Hamilton's credibility has suffered increasingly serious damage." Like Jonathan Aitken, Mr Hamilton seems to belong to the breed of Conservative politician who assumes that, if lies are delivered loudly, indignantly and persuasively enough, they will be believed. It was this public sense that ministers felt they could get away with anything that contributed to the scale of the Tory defeat at the last election. Mr Hamilton seems to have learnt nothing.

Had he, like Mr Smith, stood down before the election, criticism of him now would be far more muted. "Never apologise, never explain" is a bad maxim for politics. It discredited the last administration and it taints Mr Hamilton today. His reputation has been destroyed anyway; he could redeem himself a little if he were to show some humility in the face of the overwhelming judgment against him.

This report is also a test for the new Tory Opposition. John Major's name has already been damaged by the charge that he deliberately prorogued Parliament early in order that the report could be kept secret until after the election. William Hague can show that he genuinely intends to make a "fresh start" by disowning all the guilty men in the Downey report and ensuring that his party never lends its name to them again.

MAKING WORK PAY

An American lesson that Labour should be happy to learn

In the midst of many technical announcements concerning tax and spending issues on Wednesday, Gordon Brown noted that he had asked Martin Taylor of Barclays Bank to extend his study of tax-benefit integration to include the "earned income tax credit" pioneered in the United States. Despite the attention given to the windfall tax and Labour's proposals for the young unemployed, outlined by David Blunkett today, this section of the Chancellor's speech may ultimately prove more significant.

The earned income tax credit was signed into American law by President Gerald Ford in 1975. It was doubled in scope by Ronald Reagan who once described the programme as "the best anti-poverty measure ever to come out of Congress". It has been expanded since by both George Bush and Bill Clinton. It involves a tax credit for the working poor, increasing with family size, that is gradually phased out as income increases. If the credit exceeds the amount of income tax charged then the remainder is returned to the individual concerned. The measure overtly rewards work, is simpler than schemes that operate through benefits, and is popular with beneficiaries and taxpayers alike.

Its attraction to the Government is obvious. Work has become the watchword of the new Labour approach to welfare. This is not merely for the savings it would produce in the social security budget (which this year will exceed the total receipts of income tax and corporation tax combined) but also for the self-reliance and self-esteem it encourages among those who have moved from entitlements to employment. In this respect, Tony Blair is following the path set by both parties in the United States.

As Labour will discover, however, it is not a move without complications and costs. To be effective the credit must consider household as well as individual income. That compromises the widely supported shift towards the separate taxation of men and women that was introduced by Nigel Lawson. The proposal would involve some additional administrative burden on business. It also touches on the thorny question of whether women should be the predominant recipients of social payments intended for family use.

These last two factors led the House of Lords to stop a similar proposal by Margaret Thatcher's Government a decade ago. That defeat led to the adoption of family credit as an alternative. This has comparable objectives but operates as a benefit: it has an indifferent take-up rate — at most 70 per cent — not least because of the reluctance of many families to apply for what they regard as charity. Mr Brown does not believe that this is as direct an incentive to move towards work as a reward within the tax system. His instincts are sound.

The objections raised are not inconsequential. But they would apply to any serious attempt at overhauling present arrangements. Some of them, such as the impact on business, can be compensated for by offsetting inducements. Other complications are real but part of the price for moving people out of Welfare to Work. The principle that employment should be maximised — and employed people excluded as far as possible from the benefits bureaucracy — is both right and fundamental to reform. Adherence to this maxim will determine whether Labour's first Budget has a long-term impact on public policy as well as a short-term effect on public opinion.

LAVA LOUTS

Risks of violence from a badly behaved volcano

Frightening scenes viewed from a sufficient distance inspire a terrible delight, as Edmund Burke observed. While few may choose to wander the flanks of a volcano while it is erupting, seen from afar the spectacle has an undeniable grandeur. It seems to mock man's pretensions and make clear that nature's power is of an altogether different order. Such sights, to Burke, summed up the sublime, though his critics took much pleasure in seeking a precise measure to distinguish sublimity from sheer terror. How far away did one have to be, they inquired, before the quaking legs gave way to aesthetic euphoria?

Had he known, he might have answered that it depended greatly on the type of volcano. Those in Hawaii are as good-tempered as volcanoes know how to be, the steady flow of lava down the mountainside posing few risks and plenty of harmless excitement. Strombolian volcanoes, which hurl out rocks of a consistent size and at a consistent speed, are also relatively benign, though they can sometimes change their tempo and catch out the unwary. The truly dangerous eruptions, such as those in the past week in Montserrat, are composed of a hot cloud of dust and gas which sweeps down the mountain so fast that escape is impossible. In such pyroclastic flows the element of fear far outweighs any possible pleasure, and the damage done to life and property is enormous.

Such destructive eruptions are relatively rare events in relation to human lifespan, far too infrequent to determine settlement patterns. Around the world many great cities lie almost in the shadow of volcanoes that have been dormant so long that their danger is discounted. Often, the fertile soil produced by the volcano actually attracts people to live around it, while expanding populations ensure that the numbers theoretically at risk are higher now than they have ever been in human history. The eruption of Vesuvius in AD79 claimed about 2,000 victims; if it happened again today without warning, it would probably kill 200,000. The island of Java, where a high proportion of the 175,000 deaths that have been caused by volcanic eruptions in the past 200 years have occurred, is four times as densely populated today as it was in 1955.

Many efforts have been made to improve volcano prediction, with some success, but it remains an inexact science. Even when successful predictions are made, as at Mount St Helens in 1980, it is difficult to persuade everybody to believe them and leave the area. Even more is this true of the developing world, where mobility is lower and the credibility of government agencies less. In the past few decades we have been lucky, with only one eruption, at Nevado del Ruiz in Colombia, claiming lives on a massive scale. But it would be unwise to assume that this state of affairs can continue indefinitely. The risks are much greater than is generally acknowledged.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Brown's Budget of mixed blessings

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, It was only last week that the Prime Minister returned from the Earth Summit, confirming that Britain was adopting one of the toughest targets to combat climate change. He told the House of Commons that "the single best thing we can do, in relation to that target, is to improve energy efficiency" (*Hansard*, June 24, col 686).

Yesterday the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced substantial tax reductions on fossil fuels — the excess burning of which is the main cause of climate change. He has widened the differential of value-added tax raised, so that the tax on energy conservation materials is no longer just twice that levied on energy consumption. Instead it is some three and a half times higher (17.5 per cent and 5 per cent). This further reduces the already limited incentives to improve energy efficiency.

I am curious to know whether the Prime Minister and his Chancellor ever speak.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WARREN,
Director, Association for the
Conservation of Energy,
Westgate House, Prebend Street, N1.
July 3.

From Mr Gordon Philo

Sir, The Chancellor has hit both pension funds and those pensioners who have been indirectly subsidising the NHS by taking out private health insurance — some of whom will now become a further NHS burden.

Under new Labour we were led to expect a new age. Should it not have been new ageism?

Yours sincerely,
GORDON PHILO,
10 Abercorn Close, NW8.
July 3.

From the Director General of Save the Children

Sir, We welcome the Government's commitment, reinforced in the Budget, to help young people in improving their employment prospects. Many young people will benefit significantly from their six-month placements under the Welfare to Work proposals, even though there can be no guarantees of employment in the long-term.

However, from this point, Save the Children urges the Government to undertake full consultation, involving young people themselves and continuing throughout the pilot schemes. Only then will Welfare to Work schemes stand a chance of meeting the needs of a true cross-section of young people, including the most disadvantaged.

Nowhere is this need for discussion more clearly demonstrated than with the Government's intention to withhold welfare benefits from those whom they perceive as not wanting to "fit in". This could have serious consequences for a significant minority of marginalised young people who cannot settle into schemes through no fault of their own and for a variety of reasons — for example homelessness, emotional problems, family responsibilities or learning difficulties. This desire for compulsion and sanctions must be questioned.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE AARONSON,
Director General,
Save the Children Fund (UK),
17 Grove Lane, SE5.
July 3.

From Mr P. B. Young

Sir, Anne Ashworth (Comment, July 3) feels that the proposed Individual Savings Account needs a catchy acronym to compete with Pep and Tessa. Possibly unwittingly the Chancellor has surely created the Isaac.

Yours faithfully,
P. B. YOUNG,
Higher Orchard,
Burgmann's Hill, Lympstone, Devon.
July 3.

Music fans galore

From Mrs Pauline Morton

Sir, Simon Jenkins asks "where did they come from, all these people", who fill the London concert halls ("Midsummer melodies", June 28).

Adults now, they come, many of them, from the groups of children who were nurtured in musical skills and appreciation by the berated teachers of the last 20 or 30 years. These teachers devoted lunch hours and after-school time to teach simple and more difficult instruments, and formed orchestras and choirs to give polished and enthusiastic performances.

Precious Saturdays were relinquished to take pupils to children's concerts, such as those sponsored by Sir Robert Mayer. Expertise and time, given outside school hours, encouraged a lifetime of appreciation and musical participation.

Will today's children, in these times of overcrowded curriculums, stressed teachers and lack of resources for musical education, fill the concert halls of the next century?

Yours faithfully,
PAULINE MORTON,
Rowde Court,
Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire.
June 28.

Orange march 'not intimidatory'

From the Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and MP for Upper Bann

Sir, Mike Brogden's letter (July 3) comparing Orange walks to National Front marches shows that he has learnt very little about Northern Ireland in the three years since his arrival there. Then he distinguished himself by proposing that community policing should be done by the local paramilitary organisations. Today's contribution is effectively the same.

It must be remembered that there are 3,000 or so parades a year, mainly Orange but with many nationalist and other parades. Fewer than a dozen cause any difficulty.

Portadown Orangemen processing to and from Drumcree Parish Church do not go through the streets of a Catholic community. They return to Portadown along the B28, the most direct highway from the church to the town centre. The route was not chosen, as Brogden suggests, in order to intimidate Catholics, as this church service was established in 1807 at which time the road passed through countryside which was entirely Protestant.

There are two modern public-authority housing estates adjacent to the road, which are now almost entirely Catholic. But when built they were mixed, and only became Catholic when Protestants moved out as a result of republican violence — which included the murder of several local Protestants.

Despite this, Portadown Orangemen have been conciliatory. The number of parades in the area has been reduced in the last ten years from ten to one a year. No bands which could be perceived as antagonistic to Catholics take part, only mainly girls' accordion bands playing hymn music largely common to both traditions. No large Orange banners are carried — only one Union Flag is displayed, with one other flag and a "bannerette". Orange Order marshals ensure that discipline is maintained and that there is no confrontation on the part of the marchers.

Portadown Orange parades are always headed by Portadown ex-servicemen's lodge. By contrast, the Catholic nationalist opposition is led by a person whose chief claim to fame is his convictions for republican terrorism connected with the bombing of the Royal British Legion Hall in Portadown.

Throughout the current controversy the Orange Order has sought to discover from local Catholics if there are any circumstances in which they will tolerate the sight of Protestant Orangemen walking back from church: but there has been no response.

It is important that the rule of law be maintained and that the right to assemble and move freely along the Queen's highway be preserved. Government should not ban peaceful citizens from exercising these rights in a non-provocative manner at the behest of those who threaten violence.

Sincerely,
DAVID TRIMBLE,
House of Commons.
July 3.

Fate and future of Royal Air Force

From Mr Keith D. R. Mans

Sir, It would be hard to imagine a better illustration of what happens if you leave the exercise of air power to soldiers and sailors than the disastrous loss of *HMS Glorious* in June 1940, as featured on Channel 4 last night. Essentially, 1,500 men lost their lives because the captain of the ship failed to use his aircraft to protect his ship or to take the fight to the enemy.

Those of us who want to see the Royal Air Force remain a separate service do so because we believe air power is such an important component in modern military strategy that it cannot be left to former tank commanders like Lord Carver (letter, June 26) or First World War submariners like Captain Guy D'Oyley-Hughes of *HMS Glorious* to exercise properly.

It is because of the devastating effectiveness of air power, as recently witnessed in the Gulf War and in Bosnia, that its control needs to be coordinated at the highest level. Otherwise, it is ground and naval forces that suffer most. Today's generals and admirals need to ponder carefully the consequences of downgrading and dividing up air power by abolishing the Royal Air Force; in my view, this would inevitably lead to much higher casualties on the ground and to ships going to the bottom of the ocean.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH MANS
(Member, House of Commons
Defence Select Committee, 1995-97),
3 Dell Way, Ealing, W13.
July 1.

From Mr John Neimer

Sir, It was inevitable that Lord Carver's letter would provoke retaliatory strikes from the squadrons of the retired air force. But despite their protests, it is to be hoped that the Government will do as he suggests.

Certainly the question of "what is the RAF for?" has been hovering in the background ever since the first Polaris submarine was commissioned. The development of long-range stand-off weapons has given the question more force, and it is not necessary to have a dedicated air force in order to deploy these weapons. With the advent of submarine-launched cruise missiles, the US Navy can accurately strike targets from the sea which the USAF cannot reach from its fixed bases.

The argument, surely, is not that armies and navies do not need air supremacy to survive. It is about how that air supremacy is gained and, once won, retained. Even the Americans are dismayed at the price of maintaining the USAF. It is surely time that the question be asked: "What *is* the RAF for?"

Yours sincerely,
JOHN NEIMER
(Artificer, Fleet Air Arm, 1958-68),
Melcombe House,
4 Cranford Avenue,
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July 1.

From Mr Denis Christian

Sir, In the context of a weighty and intellectual onslaught from Lord Carver and others on the continued life of the RAF, one doubts that the present Air Staff are best served by gallant warriors of yesteryear deploying the "remember the Battle of Britain" line.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. CHRISTIAN
(Flight Lieutenant, RAF, retd),
The Town House, 2 Chichester Place,
Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex.
July 2.

From Group Captain Derrick Orchard (retd)

Sir, It would be most unwise to assume that ground-to-air missiles could replace manned aircraft (letters, June 30). Such systems could not provide constant air superiority over a theatre of war, either land or sea.

Furthermore, however sophisticated these systems, the Gulf War demonstrated how efficiently manned aircraft can knock them out.

Yours faithfully,
DERRICK ORCHARD,
35 Cornwall Road,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire.
July 1.

Teaching methods

From Mr Alan Millard

Sir, Not all teachers over 50 will, as Nigel de Gruchy, leader of NASUWT, suggests, "smile wryly with the official acknowledgment that some of the methods imposed on them in the 1960s and 1970s were either wrong in themselves or impossible to operate" (report, June 27). Some, like me, will be weeping over his readiness to abandon those ideals which many believed were right and could have been operated had they been properly understood and adequately resourced.

It was only after a sustained and arguably ill-informed campaign that the Black Paper movement succeeded in turning the clock back, beating the few remaining reformers into reluctant submission. All that now remains to be seen is what will happen when the unsolved problems of the "old ways" re-emerge. The reforms of the Sixties arose from a desire to replace what we now embrace: rote-learning, testing, selection and streaming.

The swing of the pendulum will always produce a few wry smiles. Mine must wait until someone blows the dust from the Plowden report and rediscovers those more promising directions which were never determinedly tried nor consistently pursued.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN MILLARD,
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Marine Parade West,
Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire.

Albanian refugees

From the Ambassador of Italy

Sir, *Il Messagero*'s statistics, which you quote today under the heading "Albanian refugees slip net in Italy", are incorrect.

The facts are as follows. Since the beginning of the crisis 16,798 Albanian citizens have entered Italy. Of these 4,398 have already been repatriated, 3,853 remain in refugee centres, 5,023 have been given temporary hospitality with Albanians regularly resident in Italy, and 1,072 arrived in Italy already in possession of regular permits of residence. Thus fewer than 3,000 have absconded from the refugee centres without permission.

A programme of repatriation is already in place and will start in cooperation with the Albanian authorities soon after the completion of the elections in Albania. This programme will also apply to those who have absconded from the refugee centres.

Yours faithfully,
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Show me these 'sybaritic' bishops

From Mrs Christopher Herbert

Sir, Writing as a busy schoolteacher, married to an equally busy bishop, I wish I could meet these chauffeur-driven bishops with lavish lifestyles and large staffs, referred to in the review by Lord Bridge of Harwich, *Synodical Government in the Church of England* (report, June 30).

Having spent 16 hours on church business this weekend — nine preparing for, hosting and cleaning up after a day for the clergy families of the diocese here, five at an anniversary service and lunch in a parish, and two at a garden party for retired clergy at the suffragan bishop's house — I find myself this morning desperately racing to write the lower sixth's reports to meet a 4pm deadline. Of course this has to be interrupted to make the coffees for the diocesan staff-meeting here; my husband's secretary, bless her, will deal with the staff-meeting lunch as I have to be in school by then.

I do have a day off on Thursday, so I can manage the ordination tea party for 30 without any problems; but I am worried about getting ready for the post-ordination drinks for 130 here on Sunday, given the need to visit our aged parents in Surrey on Saturday. Yes, my husband did ask the gardener to drive him to a service one day last week: that was because the only time he had available to write the eighth sermon, address or speech of the week was in the car.

I could go on — and on — but I would miss the reports deadline and my colleagues, quite rightly, would be after my blood. But I wish I could meet these sybaritic bishops.

Yours, brimming with charity,
JAN HERBERT,
Abbey Gate House,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
June 30.

Church openness

From the Reverend Tony Whipp

Sir, Lord Bridge of Harwich claims that his synodical review group was "chiefly concerned with affirming the principles of openness, accountability and subsidiarity".

The reality is that it recommends reducing representation on our national governing body by a third and abolishing completely the level of government closest to the parishes. The impact of such changes could only be that matters would be discussed by far fewer members of the Church and that those discussions would take place closer to the archbishops and bishops and very much further from individual members of the Church.

Openness, accountability and subsidiarity are concepts to which anyone involved in the governance of our Church is no stranger. The proposals you report, however, clearly militate directly against them.

Yours faithfully,
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June 30.

Whatever the weather

From Mrs Penny Rutherford

Sir, In all the recent references to sporting and social events that have been rained off recently, I have seen no mention of the gallant Regent's Park Open Air Theatre company. They performed on both last Thursday and Friday, days on which Wimbledon was rained off. It seems that for hardy thespians rain does not stop play.

Yours faithfully,
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July 1.

Pound penalty

From Mr Edward Samples

Sir, I was interested to read in your Business section today about the strengthening of sterling, some 35 per cent against the mark since 1995, as I am contemplating buying a Volkswagen car. As their retail price continues to rise in sterling, rather than stabilise or fall, is the company not benefiting unduly from the windfall profits arising from the stronger pound?

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD SAMPLES,
33 Linden Way, Darras Hall,
Ponteland, Northumberland.
July 1.

Urban dereliction

From Mr Paul J. Hickey

Sir, Suburbs have nothing to do with geography (letter, June 26) but are states of mind.

For example, Golders Green is a *suburb* while Hampstead and Highgate are not. Indeed, if you told any of the illuminati who run the Heath and Old Hampstead Society that they lived in a *suburb*, they would probably come round and pebble-dash your house . . .

Yours faithfully,
PAUL J. HICKEY,
10 Ebbsfleet Road, NW2.
July 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 3: The Duke of Edinburgh today attended a pre-lunch *Reception at the* Hyatt Hotel, followed by the *Birmingham Post* Business Awards Luncheon at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, at which His Royal Highness presented the Awards.

The Duke of Edinburgh was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant *of West Midlands* (Mr Robert Taylor).

July 2: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as *Lady in Waiting* to The Queen.

July 3: The Prince Edward, President, the Commonwealth Games Federation, this morning received the Chairman (Mr Michael Fennell).

His Royal Highness, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

July 3: The *Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief*, Royal Corps of Signals, this morning received Major General Archibald Birtwistle upon relinquishing his appointment as Master of Signals and Major-General Ian Sprackling upon assuming the appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, *University of London*, afterwards attended the Summer Congregation of the London Business School at Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1.

The *Princess Royal*, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, this afternoon opened the National Conference at the University of Warwick, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry, and was received by Mr David Burbidge (Deputy Lieutenant of West Midlands).

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 3: The Prince of Wales this *morning arrived in the Philippines* and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador (His Excellency Mr Adrian Thorpe).

His Royal Highness later laid a Wreath at the Rizal Shrine and attended a meeting with The President of the Republic of the Philippines at Malacanang Palace, Manila.

The *Prince of Wales afterwards* visited San Agustin Church.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Reception for the British community at the Manila Hotel.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Reception and Dinner given by President Fidel Ramos at Malacanang Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 3: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon opened Manor Farm Day Centre for the Elderly, Egham, and was received by Her Majesty's *Lord-Lieutenant* of *Surrey (Sir Richard Thornton)*.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened the St John Council for Surrey's new headquarters in Guildford.

YORK HOUSE
July 3: The Duke of Kent this morning named the train *Harlow 1947-1997* at *Harlow Town Railway* Station, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex (the Lord Braybrooke).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Northern Telecom, London Road, Harlow, and the Coalhouse Fort, East Tilbury, Essex.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Wimbledon Championships, London SW19.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Autistic Society, will open 13-15 Barnes Lane, run by the Wessex Autistic Society, Beaminster, Dorset, at 10.50; as Patron, the Home Farm Trust, will visit the Rivendell Scheme at Woodway Street, Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, at 12.45; as President, the Rural Housing Trust, will visit Vicarage Court, Timberscombe, Somerset, at 3.20; *and the John Arlott* Playground at 3.35.

Princess Margaret will attend a garden party for teachers from the Commonwealth, the United States and Europe at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, at 3.30.

The Duke of Kent will attend the Wimbledon Championships at noon.

Tallow Chandlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Tallow Chandlers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr J.B.N. Kurkjian; First Warden, Mr R.A.B. Nicolle; Second Warden, Brigadier N.H. Thompson; Third Warden, Mr C.R. Lambourne; Fourth Warden, Mr C.P. Tootal. Mr C.A. Holborow has been appointed Deputy Master.

Service dinners

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a dinner held last night onboard his flagship, *HMS Victory*, in Portsmouth. Ammiraglio Mariani, Chief of Naval Staff, Italy, and Signora Mariani and Contrammiraglio Cesaretti, Naval Assistant to the Chief of Naval Staff, Italy, and Signora Casaretti were among the guests.

Corps of Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a dinner held last night in the Royal Engineers' Headquarter Mess, Chatham. The guests included:
Sir Peter Levene, Sir Eric Yarrow, Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Lieutenant-General Sir Hew Pike and Air Marshal Sir Peter Squire.

University news

Oxford
The Geoffrey Hill Spray Prize in Clinical Biochemistry for 1997 has been awarded to Alexander Richard Lyon, Trinity College

Cambridge
St John's College
Elected to Honorary Fellowships: Edmund John Phillip Browne and Professor Mervyn Allister King.

Birthdays today

The King of Tonga celebrates his 79th birthday today

Prince Michael of Kent celebrates his 55th birthday today

The Duke of Abercorn, 63; Mr René Arnoux, former racing driver, 49; Lord Barber, 77; Sir Alec Bedser *and his twin brother* Mr Eric Bedser, former cricketers, 79; Mr M.D. Brough, plastic surgeon, 55; the Earl of Buchan, 67; Mr Richard Clothier, chief executive, Dalgety, 52; Mr R.A. Garrett, former chairman, National Association of Boys' Clubs, 79; Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, 54; Mr Roy Henderson, baritone, 98; Mr Henri Leconte, tennis player, 34; Miss Gina Lollobrigida, actress, 70; Mr Peter Richardson, former cricketer, 66; Sir Paul Scoon, former Governor-General of Grenada, 62; Miss Pam Shriver, tennis player, 35; Mr Neil Simon, playwright, 70; Sir Michael Stoker, FRS, former President, Clare Hall, *Cambridge, 79; Mr Colin Welland*, actor and playwright, 63; Lord Wyatt of Weeford, 79.

Dinners

Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a *speaker at the annual* ladies dinner of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held last night at the *Mansion House. Mr W.S.C.* Richards, Master, presided, assisted by Mr G.H. Kingsmill, Senior Warden, and Mr W.K. Gardener, *Junior Warden. The Cardinal* Archbishop of Westminster and the Senior Warden also spoke.

During the evening the Master *presented the Lord* Mayor with a cheque in response to his appeal for the Cancer Research Campaign, presented the Chartered Accountants Sword to the Outstanding Officer of the Year of the Honourable Artillery Company to 2nd Lieutenant Stephen Trenwith and presented a cheque to the winner of the 1997 charitable project of the company, the Eastbourne Area Parents Action Group, for their work among the disabled. Presentations were also made to Ms Pollyann Whitson and Ms Judith Cottrell, students who have achieved excellence in their studies and examinations. *Among* others present were:
The Ambassador of the Ukraine and Mrs Komissarenko, the Masters of the Woolmen's and Feltmakers' Companies, the Master of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Commanding Officer of the *Honourable* Artillery Company and their ladies.

British Academy
Sir Aaron Klug, OM, President of the Royal Society, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the British Academy held last night at Middle Temple Hall after the annual meeting. Sir Keith Thomas, FBA, president, received the guests. Among those present were:
The Bishop of Oxford, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Lord Young of Darlington, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, the Hon William Waldegrave, Sir Kenneth Durham, FBA, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Lady Klug, Sir Rex Richards, FRS, FBA, Mr P F Cane, Professor C Carey, Professor D L d'Avray, Professor C R Dawkins, Professor E Foner, FBA, Mr B Gascoigne, Professor E T Hall, Professor A F Harding, Professor J N Hillgarth, Mr A G Hood, Professor W R Louis, FBA, Mr R A R Maclennan, MP, Professor J S Rowlinson, FRS, Miss C Tomalin, Professor N B Vincent, Professor R N Whybray.

The Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University, the President of Trinity College, Cambridge, the Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, the Master of St Cross College, Oxford, the Provost of the London Guildhall University, the Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies, the President of the *British School* at Athens, the Director of Brighton University, the Chief Executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, the Director of the Quality Assurance Group of Higher Education Quality Control, the Director of Policy of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, the Director of the Courtauld Institute, the Chairman of the Nuffield Foundation, the Director and the Chairman of Trustees of the British Museum, the Chief Executive and the Chairman of the British Library, the Librarian of the London Library, the Director of the National Portrait Gallery, the Chief Executive of Cambridge *University* Press, the Managing Director of the Academic Division of Oxford University Press, the President of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, the Keeper of Public Records, the Permanent Secretary and *the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of* State (Welfare-to-Work), Department for Education and Employment, the Secretary for Appointments to the Prime Minister, the Editor of *The Times Literary Supplement* and the Editor of the *London Review of Books*.

Glaziers' Company
Mr M.C. Tosh, Master of the Glaziers' Company, assisted by the Upper Warden, received members and their guests at the St Peter's Day Quarter Court dinner held last night at Glazier's Hall. The Masters of the Turners', Glovers' and Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Companies and Professor J.H. Richards, Professor of Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology were among the guests.

Meeting

Atlantic Council
Mr Geoffrey Smith was the speaker at an Atlantic Forum briefing held last night at 33 John Street, London, WC1. Mr Alan Lee *Williams, Director of the Atlantic* Council of the United Kingdom, presided.

TONY WHITE

David Shaw, 12, left, from Manchester, and Sam Wood, 11, from Leicester, the youngest players in the British Schools Chess Championship, sponsored by *The Times*, starting play at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, yesterday

Promotions in the RAF

Half Yearly Promotions
The Ministry of Defence announces the following RAF promotions, all effective from July 1, 1997:

AIR RANK PROMOTIONS
AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL: M D Pledger; G E Stirrup; R A Wright.
GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE: E J Black; G D Simpson; N J Sudborough; R Brumpton; C M Davison; G Jones; O D L Delany; A T Ford.
GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP *CAPTAIN:* N Brewerton; *J D Bullen;* P A Coker; R Cook; H R Corney; A G O Dee; P C Goodman; J E Jeffrey; I A Milne; B W Newby; M J Routledge; N E Threapleton; R Utley; D Waler.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: A S Barmby; S G Barnes; G H Booth; T Cross; W G S Dobson; S D Forward; L Garside-Beattie; A D Gunby; N R Jagger; A W Kerr; S D Lungley; N D Meyrick; P N Oborn; D A Simpson; I R W Stewart; A R D Welham; P J W Whitaker; W D Williams; G A Wright.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: M C Allton; J P Arden; M P Barley; I P Baxter; M J Beardmore; T D Q Below; P K Best; R C Blair; M O Brown; S M Brownlow; J Burr; J M Calder; G Clark; A W Cochrane; M J Cole; D M M Crosby; G P Dalley; R K Dyson; P Evans; A S Frost; J M Goatham; J P Hancock; B Hardy-Gillings; R L Hawkins; G J Herbert; A K Hill; A P Hill; S Hindmarsh; C R Huckstep; M J Hudson; J P Huggett; R H Lawrence; N P D Lee; P J D Lenihan; M R Leonczek; R M J MacCormac; K J MacKenzie; C J R Norton; P M H O'Dell; M R Parker; J G Peters; C P Ramsden; S J Read; M J Royce; T J Rust; M B Sampson; T D Simpson; M Snowden; I S Storer; W Swindlehurst; M Waterfall; C D Williams; W J Wilson.
OPERATIONS SUPPORT BRANCH
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: K S Balshaw; S L Bulst; P J Greville; J T Hughes.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO *SQUADRON LEADER:* R Bailey; C P Beckley; I N Bell; M R Bird; L B Brunt; E M A Carter; D J Clark; R F J Clifford; M S P Coleman; J H Fitness; C R Gibson; A J Hall; E W M Lackey; M R Madden; S S McFarland; G L McGregor; J B Portlock; B Willson.
ENGINEER BRANCH
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: B G Benstead; G Cole; G S Harker; J Mackreath; C W Pratley; M C Stevens.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: J D F Abbott; R Betteridge; A Boyle; I T G Brandt; T C Burke; G M Carlin; M A Clark; N Collins-Bent; P I Danks; A L Dipper; K C Earnden; M A Fulford; A R Hannaby; S J Kinder; A P Lewis; J Maclver; M F Neal; J S Parker; W J Penketh; S M Phelps; J C Rigby; M I Sturgess; A Wilson.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: S R Armitage; C Benford; G A Booth; N T Bradshaw; C M Burgess; A V Carson; D R D Cook; R Deacon; R H Delaney; D Fallow; B R Gasson; M R Gilbert; J R Gill; C N Holmes; B P Horne; R G Hughes; K E Jarvis; R M Johnson; R F Keeley; D Lewis; S McGlary; P Mitchell; T G Murphy; P Pearce; S J Pettitt; A B Read; B G Rees; S A Richardson; D E Rogers; P S Rose; N M Sainsbury; C Taylor; L R Thorley; J P Wariner; S W Watson; J G Wilkes; I A Wilson; P Wilson; A G Young.
SUPPLY BRANCH
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: D R Benson; D C Bernard; D P Hedges; P M Miles.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: R R Ashford; S W Henson; C J S Hewat; M C C Moore; S P Thompson; P N Voltzenlogel; G T Williams.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: G Cowie; M C Dolan; J Ellis; R Fogden; M A Hughes; S D Jones; G I Lory; S Mitchell-Gears; M R Osman; D M Picton; A N Poppe; S G Read; R H Stobart; P Tranter; M S E Vincent.
ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: I F Bruton; I R Cooper; C D Evans; R H Kinzett; M I Pettifer; H M Randall; J H S Thomas.
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: A T Bake; A J Berridge; B Cooper; D Fairbrother; P G Harris; P J Hereford; S P Howard; A E Leggett; R J N MacKinnon; M J Milburn; P J Sagar; V Smith; P F Smout; P A Wilson.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: S L Cairns; S P Chadwick; R P Cunliffe; D Curry; D J M Elliott; J A Groves; K A Logan; J P W Louth; T S McCracken; C P Mulready; I L Palmer; R J Paul; K Prescott; A J Seabright; S Southern; G H B Sugden; M F H Taylor; H J C Vincent; M Wheeler.
DENTAL BRANCH
AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL: I G McIntyre.
GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE: R M Butler.
MEDICAL SECRETARIAL BRANCH
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: *D Rippon.*
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: R J Bailey.
MEDICAL BRANCH
AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL: C J Sharples.
GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE: T M Gibson.
LEGAL BRANCH
AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL: J Weeden.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Pierre Blanchard, balloonist and pioneer aviator, Les Andelys, 1753; Nathaniel Hawthorne, writer, Salem, Massachusetts, 1804; Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot, Nice, 1807; Stephen Foster, songwriter, Pittsburg, 1826; Thomas Barnardo, founder of the homes bearing his name, Dublin, 1845; Calvin Coolidge, 30th American President 1923-29, Plymouth Notch, Vermont, 1872; Gertrude Lawrence, actress, London, 1898; Louis Armstrong, singer, New Orleans, 1900.

DEATHS: Ortelius, cartographer, Antwerp, 1598; William Byrd, organist and composer, Stondon *Massey*, Essex, 1623; Samuel Richardson, novelist, Parson's Green, Middlesex, 1761; John Adams, 2nd American President 1797-1801, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1826; Thomas Jefferson, 3rd American President 1801-1809, Monticello, Virginia, 1826; James Monroe, 5th American President 1817-25, New York, 1831; Marie Curie, physicist, Nobel laureate 1903 and 1911, Sallanches, France, 1934.

Today is American Independence *Day, commemorating the signing* of the Declaration of Independence, 1776.

The Communist Manifesto was published, 1848.

James Keir Hardie became the first Socialist to win a seat in the British Parliament, 1892.

Work began on the Panama Canal, 1904.

School news

Giggleswick School
The following scholarships to Giggleswick School have been awarded for the academic year 1997/98:
Sixth Form:
Caroline Sinclair, Academic, St Mary's, Crosby; Alexandra Hall, Sport, Ilkley Grammar School.
Third Form:
Stuart Hyslop, Academic, Giggleswick; Zoe Harrison, Academic, Catteral Hall; Kate Meredith, Academic, Catteral Hall; Eleonor Robinson, Academic, Catteral Hall; Ian Anderson, General Distinction, *Bradford Grammar School; Daniel* Houlbrook, General Distinction, Grosvenor House; Thomas Bailey, General Distinction, Catteral Hall; Georgina Watson, General Distinction, Catteral Hall; Jack Hird, Sport, *Bentham; Alexandre Khorouji, Art*, Catteral Hall; Lucille Royle, Art, Catteral Hall.
Catteral Hall:
Christopher French, Academic, Bentham; Nicholas Hird, Academic & *Sport. Bentham: Charles Marsh*, Academic, Grosvenor House; Aaron Stott, Music, St Joseph's Hill Park Convent; Sophie Thornton, General Distinction, Westville House, Ilkley; Monty Caudwell Todd, General *Distinction. Cracoe & Rylstone* Primary; Matthew Wright, Shute Scholarship, Giggleswick County Primary; Tom York, General Distinction, Holme Park Prep, Kendal.

Ibstock Place School
The summer term concludes today. Yesterday at Speech Day our Guest speaker was the Hon Nigella Lawson. The Maurice Finnan Award for Services to the School was awarded to Amy Dixon and Fred Scofield. The new Roberts Hall and enlarged Kindergarten open next term which starts on September 4.

Westminster Cathedral Choir School
Summer Term ends tonight after the annual Concert at St John's Smith Square and the presentation *of prizes by the* Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

Awards have been won by the following boys:
Music:
To Ampleforth: H. Lydon
To Bedford School: M. Davies
To King's College School: M. Pullinger
To Westminster: J. Church
To Worth School: G. Beatty, B. Durbin.

The Choristers leave after Vespers on Sunday, July 13, and Michaelmas Term begins on Monday, September 8.

The Pensions Management Institute

The following candidates have completed the Associateship examinations of The Pensions Management Institute.

J Baker; N Bates; N A Bolding; R O Brassington; K E Brennan; K J Briggs; M J Brown; H A S Bryden; G Buist; F M Carter; K Chalcraft; M J Chihambakwe; L A Clark; A L Cockrell; J Collins; G Collinson; S E Cummins; J K Dawson; C V Duce; P J Evans; S A Fleming; T H J Gosden; B A Greenberg; D J Green; D C Grimley; M C Henderson; P D Hiscock; L M Hood; *J I Hubbard;* A J Hughes; *L B* Hughes; S A Hutchings; D W Johnson; C Jones; J S Jones; M J Kain; S Keegan; A J Kershaw; B A Krishna; R A Lacey; P Latimer; S S W Lo; J S Lovell; R Lynch; A I MacDougall; S H Malcolm; A C *Marsh;* L C A *Marshall;* A J *McCarthy;* R E McGuicken; S K Mitra; S Murdoch; C J Murray; J K Nimmo; R Patmore; C M Peacock; D C Pharo; S Phillips; F Robinson; J S Rose; P A Smith; E F Sumner; D J Sweeney; P M Sweeney; P T Tabrett; D F Taylor; C Thompson; J C Thompson; T H M Turner; D J Vincent; M C White; C Whitters; E P Woore; M D B Young.

Memorial service

Lord Harvington
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, and the Speaker by Sir Alan Haselhurst, Chairman of Ways and Means, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Harvington held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated. The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Abbott of Douai, Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Trustee of the Tablet Publishing Company, and the Earl of Gainsborough, Knight of the Sovereign *Military Order of Malta*, led the prayers.

The Hon Lady Brinckman, daughter, and Father the Hon Piers Grant-Ferris, OSB, son, read the lessons. Mr Edward Treharne, grandson, read from his grandfather's works and from the works of Thomas Gray. Sir Anthony Kershaw gave an address.

The Abbott of Ampleforth and the Rev Jonathan Goodall, Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, were robed and in the Sanctuary.

Among others present were:
Sir Theodore Brinckman (son-in-law), Mr and Mrs Roderick Scott and Mr and Mrs Patrick Wrigley (grandchildren), Miss Sophia Brinckman (step-granddaughter), *Mrs Frances* Law, Mr and Mrs A J Tussaud, Mr and Mrs Michael Tussaud.

The Countess of Gainsborough, Viscountess Dunrossil, Viscount Long, Viscount Monckton *of Brenchley*, *Viscount* Sidmouth, Viscount Tonypandy, Lord Aldington, Lord and Lady Amherst of Hackney, Lord and Lady Barber, Lord Blaker, Lord and Lady Boardman, Lord and Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Brougham *and Vaux, Lord* and Lady Carter, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lady Colnbrook, *Lord* Craigmyle, Lord and Lady De Freyne, Lord Elliott of Morpeth.

Anne Lady Elton, Lord Hampton, Lord Hayhoe, Baroness Hooper, Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Lord and Lady Joplin, Lord Kimball, Lord Lane of Horsell, Lord Milner of Leeds, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord and Lady Murton of Lindisfarne, Lady Newall, Baroness O'Cathain, Baroness Pike, Lord Prior, Lord Rees, QC, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Stodart of Leaston, Baroness Strange, Lord and Lady Talbot of Malahide, Lord and Lady Terrington, Lord Weatherill.

Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, and Mrs Goodlad, Sir Edward du Cann, Sir Hector and Lady Monro, Sir Cranley Onslow, Sir Michael Palliser, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Mrs Elizabeth Harris, the Hon Gerald and Mrs Noel, the Hon Thomas and Mrs Hazlerigg, Sir Geoffrey Bates, the Dowager Lady Delves Broughton, Sir Edward Hulse, the Dowager Lady Rogers, Sir Harold and the Hon Lady Hood.

Sir Donald and Lady Limon, Lady Bennett, Sir Clifford Boulton, Lady Heath, Lady (Anthony) Kershaw, Lady Lea, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Lady Turner, Sir William van Straubenzee, Mr Anthony and Lady Penelope Gilbey, Mr Timothy and Lady Celestria Hales, Mr Petre Crowder, QC, and the Hon Mrs Crowder, Mr and the Hon Mrs Stephen Dobson, Colonel and the Hon Mrs Peter Ormond.

Mrs E Abel Smith, Miss Evelyn Atkinson, Mrs R E Billingham, Mrs L A Booth-Jones, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr and Mrs Gerard de Lisle, Father Anthony Dykes, Mgr Emmanuel Gerada, Mrs David Gibbs, Mr B N Gibbs, Mrs Patricia Giffard, Mr and Mrs Anthony Goodson, Mr and Mrs J R D Green, Mr Simon Hazlerigg, Mr and Mrs D R Holland, Mrs Thomas Hornyold-Strickland, Major and Mrs J L Ingram, Mrs Michael Johnstone, Mr *Michael Kelleher*, Mr and Mrs Peter Kenworthy-Browne, Mr and Mrs David Lowsley-Williams, Mr Colin McCorquodale, Mr Hugh McKnight, Mr and Mrs Michael Minoprio, Mr and Mrs Christopher Murray, Mr *Stephen Murray*, Miss *Lucinda* Murray, Mrs A S Neame, Miss Rosemary O'Connor.

Dom Bernard Orchard, Mr and Mrs Richard Perkins, Mr Thomas Pritchard, Mr R G Reynolds, Mr Mark *Rimmer, Father Martyn Rogers, Major* and Mrs Narindar Saroop, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P B Sayce, Dom Geoffrey Scott, Mr Anthony Sebag-Montefiore, Mrs John Sleeman, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey *Tarlton, Mr Philip Townend, Mrs* A L Wade, Mr P Walton, Mr Francis Willey, Mrs Margaret Wolstenholme.

Dom Alberic Stacpoole, Brother Anthony Marett-Crosby, OSB, Brother Xavier Ho, OSB and Brother Bruno Ta, *OSB (Ampleforth Abbey), Councillor* Mrs Alice Roberts, Mrs Rosalie Labovitch and Councillor Mrs Angela Graham (Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council), Mr Robert Linsley (Carlton Club), Mr Peter Higgs and Mr *Philip Daniel* (Catholic Union of Great Britain), Dom Boniface Moran, OSB (Douai Abbey), Mr Anthony Burton (Douai Society), Father Godric Timney, OSB (Douai School).

Mr Peregrine Bertie (Soverign Military *Order of* Malta), Father Dimitri Borgant (Focolare Movement), Mr Robert Esden (Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor), Mr John Hyland (Irish Guards Association), Commodore P C Nicholson, Rear Commodore A H Matusch and Rear Commodore D F Biddle (Royal Yacht Squadron) with Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Matusch and Mrs Biddle; Sister Gabriel Lee and Sister Patricia Dunne (Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions), Mr Clive Pritchard (Southdown Sheep Society).

Mr Maurice Ryan, Mr John Hornyold-Strickland and Fra Hubert Kos (British Association, Sovereign Military Order of Malta), Mrs Audrey Smith (Inland Waterways Association) senior members of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and many other friends and former colleagues.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A. Butler
and Miss C.L. MacLaren**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Sir Robin and Lady Butler, of Herne Hill, London, and Catriona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain MacLaren, of Edinburgh.

**Mr A.N. Stack
and Miss M.C. Keeley**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack and of Lady Stack, of *Fulham, London*, and Marianne, daughter of Dr and Mrs Francis Keeley, of Haddonfield, New Jersey.

***Mr P.J.W. Bocock*
and Miss K.L. Craig**
The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bocock, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Craig, both of Washington DC.

**Mr S.C.C. Dayes
and Miss O.M. MacSherry**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr Harry Dayes and of Mrs Charity Dayes, of Ashley Priors, Torquay, and Orla, daughter of the late Mr John MacSherry and of Mrs Nuala MacSherry, of County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

**Mr N.E. Harvey
and Miss E.J.L. Guerrini**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and *Mrs Edward Harvey, of Wickham* Hall, Bishop's Stortford, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerard Guerrini, of Wimbledon, *London*.

**Mr T.R. Ireland
and Miss H.L. Edwards**
The engagement is announced *between Tobin, younger* son of Mr Chris Ireland and of Mrs Margot Ireland, of Cobham, Surrey, and Hermione, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Edwards, of Newport, Isle of Wight.

**Mr D.G. Stocks
and Miss A.J. Revans**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Stocks, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Revans, of Stamford, Lincolnshire.

**Mr A. Thatcher
and Miss C. Eve**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Thatcher, of Bristol, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Eve, of Pauillac, France, and London.

**Mr G.P. Thornett
and Miss J.H.A. Wild**
The engagement is announced between Gary, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Harold Thornett, of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, and Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wild, of Holywell, Warwickshire.

**Mr J.J.H. Walford
and Miss S.J.C. Roberts**
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Walford, of *Baughurst, Hampshire, and Sian*, daughter of the late Mr Gwyn Roberts and of Mrs George Brown, of Great Ayton, North Yorkshire.

Marriage

**Mr E.H. Jenkins
and Miss C.C. Hitchcox**
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 28, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Mount Bures, between Mr Hugo Jenkins, son of Sir Michael and Lady Jenkins, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Miss Claudia Hitchcox, only daughter of the late Mr Duncan Hitchcox and of Mrs Claire Hitchcox, of Belchamp Walter, Suffolk.

Garden party

Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association
The Hon Alan Clark, MP, was the guest speaker at a garden party given by the Courtfield Ward Committee of the Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association in Dove Gardens yesterday.

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Everything in the world, all that panders to the appetites or entices the eyes, all the arrogance based on wealth, these spring not from the Father, but from the world. 1 John 2 : 16

BIRTHS

CARTWELL - On June 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Thomas and Christine, a daughter, Allison, a sister for Catie.

DYMOND - On 29th June at St Michael's Hospital, Bristol, to Tracy (née Pearse) and Timothy, a daughter, Alice May.

FOSTER - On June 26th at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, to Veronika and Miles, a precious son, Lysander Orion.

GRAVES - On 3rd June, to Beetle (née Seymour-Williams) and Patrick, a son, Louis Sebastian, a brother for Benedict and Tobias.

HARRIES - On 19th June 1997, to Katharine (née Mettam) *and John, a daughter*, Jordan Margaret Katharine.

MARRIOTT - On June 29th 1997, to Emma (née Page-Blair) and Tom, a daughter, Flora Lily Madeline.

SPURGEON - On June 11th in Sydney, Australia, to Caroline (née Dilnot) and Richard, a son, William Edward Haddon, a brother for Jamie.

VAVASOUR - On 1st July at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Sarah (née Jaques) and Simon, a son, Harry Geoffrey George, a brother for Rosie and Kate.

WILKES - On June 28th, to Kathryn (née Wiseman) and Henry, a daughter, Emily Alice.

WILLIAMS - On July 3rd 1997 at Queen Charlotte's, to Charlotte (née Syms) and Michael, a daughter, Emily *Honor, a sister for James.*

ZETZSCHE - On July 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Juliane and Andreas, a son, Albrecht Frederic.

DEATHS

BALLANTINE - Robert Ballantine F.C.A., D.S.C., Mentioned in Dispatches, Levant Schooner Flotilla 1943-44, President Cruising Association 1971-74. Beloved husband of Wendy, adored father of Soo, Ali and Keith, and daughter-in-law Caroline, dear grandfather of Polly, Ben and Zoe, and brother of James. Died peacefully at St Thomas' Hospital on 2nd July. The funeral service will take place at St Michael's Church, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex at 12 noon on Wednesday 9th July. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the R.N.L.I. or the Sail Training Association c/o P.G. Oxley Ltd., Funeral Directors, 47 High Street, Walton-on-Naze, Essex.

BARLOW - Peter John, beloved husband of Kenane and father of Tamara, Sasha, *Bellette*, Maniouchka and Francis-John, died after a long illness peacefully and surrounded on 30th June aged 66. Enquiries to Ballard & Barker Ltd, 235 Munster Road, Fulham, SW6 6BT, tel: (0171) 385-0866.

CATER - Peacefully at his home in Elie on Wednesday 2nd July 1997, Sir John Robin Cater, dearly loved husband of Isobel and beloved father of Sheila, only son of the late Sir John Cater of Edinburgh. Funeral Service in Elie Parish Church on Monday 7th July at 2 pm. Interment thereafter in Kilconquhar Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited.

CHRISTOPHER - On July 3rd peacefully at Oxford House, Coulsdon, Jessie aged 92, *widow of Christopher*. Funeral Service at Croydon Crematorium on Wednesday July 9th at 11.30 am. Enquiries to W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd, (0181) 647-1032.

COLLINS - Kenneth Hamilton, aged 48 years, suddenly on Monday, 30th June. Much *loved husband of Margaret* and wonderful dad of Jenny, Joanna and the late Thomas. Private family funeral. Memorial service to be arranged in the Netherlands.

CORFIELD - On July 1st at the Horton Hospital, Banbury, after a short illness, Richard Conyngham Corfield, Major R.A. (retd) aged 73. Devoted and much loved husband and best friend of Rosemary (Frog). Loved and loving father to Conyngham, Henrietta, Thomas and Rupert and a dear grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's Church, Radway, Warwick, on Friday 11th July at 12 noon. No flowers please but *donations if desired for the* National Canine Defence League or St Peter's Church.

DEXTER - David, much loved husband, father and grandfather, died unexpectedly on 23rd June 1997. Service today, 4th July 3 pm at St Dunstan's, *Mayfield. No flowers please.* Enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough (01892) 665000.

DOUGHTON - Daphne Marguerite, on July 1st at Cheltenham General Hospital. Daughter of the late Marguerite and Will Doughton, (formerly of Woodchester). Funeral Service and interment at St Paul's Church, Shurdington on Wednesday, July 9th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired, for the Soroptomist Charities c/o W.S. Trenhaile Funeral Directors, 174 Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7NF.

DOYLE - John Bernard (Jack) aged 71 on Friday June 27th peacefully at Kingston Hospital, much loved and loving husband of the late Joan, father to Louise and Celia and grandfather to William, Katherine and Sophia. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Monday 7th July at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations to The Parkinson's Disease Society would be greatly appreciated c/o T.H. Sanders & Sons, 12/14 Medfield Street, Roehampton, SW15 4JZ.

DREWITT - Henry Park died at 2.30 am Tuesday 2nd July 1997 at The North Staffordshire Hospital aged 73. Born in Christchurch New Zealand and during the second world war served in the RAF attaining the rank of Flight Lieutenant with duties in North Africa, Italy, and Greece, following in the *footsteps of his father* who served in the first world war and attained the rank of Wing Commander and awarded the Airforce Cross and the Military Cross. He was the dearly loved husband of Joyce Doreen Mary Drewitt, and loving father of John and Hazel, and his grandchildren Emma, Angela, Richard, Simon, Michael and Matthew who will greatly miss him. The funeral will take place at St Lukes Church, Main Road, Goostrey, Cheshire. Funeral Directors Arthur Gristy Ltd, *16 Hall Road*, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Tel: 01625-549001 Fax: 01565-653805.

DUCKWORTH-BARKER - Vernon aged 89, on July 1st 1997 at Sutton Manor Nursing Home. Greatly loved husband of Kathleen and father of Jacqueline. Service at Holy Trinity Church Wonston, Winchester on Wednesday July 9th at 3 pm. Communication and flowers c/o Jno Steel and Son, Cheshil House, Winchester, tel: (01962) 844044.

EDWARD - Reginald Vernon on July 2nd aged 90 after a long illness. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Nottingham, 2.30 pm on Thursday July 10th. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Convent Hospital, 748 Mansfield Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 3FZ.

ELDIN-TAYLOR - Of Old Portsmouth (Hants) Alastair, aged 68, died suddenly 28th June 1997. Service at Portchester Crematorium on Monday 7th July 1997 at 1.30 pm. Flowers to Barrells F.D., 245 Fratton Road, Portsmouth, (01705-824831).

GAMPELL (Jacobi) - Fritzi (widow of Sydney Gampell) on July 3rd at Marie Curie Hospice NW3. Cremation July 4th at 2.45 pm at Hoop Lane NW11. No flowers but donations please to Marie Curie Fund or Macmillan Nurses.

GILLIES - Lillian Marjorie Elizabeth (née Taylor) died 2nd July 1997 after a long illness courageously borne at a nursing home in Holywood, Northern Ireland, loving wife of the late Rev. Walter R Gillies, in her 90th year. Loving mother of Peter, Diana and Sheila, daughter of the late Ernest and Lillian Taylor, Buxton, Derbyshire. Funeral Service to take place at Roselawn Crematorium, Belfast, on Saturday 5th July at 10.30 am. The Lord is my Shepherd.

HENDERSON - James Henderson, B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D., O.B.E. Formerly of Kings College London, and Academic Registrar of the University of London, aged 97. Died peacefully on 1st July 1997 at Abbeyfield, Alnwick Northumberland. Much loved Dad to Nell, Grandpa to Karen and Alexander, and Great-Grandpa to Ellen. Cremation at West Road Crematorium Newcastle Upon Tyne, enquiries to Jacob Conroy and Son Tel 01670 515521.

JENKINSON - Francis (Fran) died at The White House, Old Somerby, on 27th June, in his eighty third year. Husband to Quitta and the late Muriel. Third son of the late Alderman Gus and Lizzie Jenkinson and brother of the late Jack, George and Peter. He excelled in life as a Farmer, Sportsman, Raconteur, Wit and Countryman. Founder of the Stragglers Cricket Club. Former District Councillor and Honorary Alderman. He will be badly missed by his friends, family and relations. He was buried at Old Somerby Church, on 3rd July.

LEICH - On 25th June Lisbeth Marion, widow of Donald Northwood Leich and mother of Jenny, Sally and Sheil. Memorial celebration Sunday 20th July. Contact family for details, (01842) 878246.

LEWIS - Sir Kenneth on July 2nd 1997 peacefully in the Rutland Memorial Hospital aged 81 years. Beloved husband of the late Jean, loving father of Kaye and Christopher, an adored grandfather, a very dear friend of Margaret and brother of Nora. The funeral service for family and *friends will be held at the* Church of St Peter & St Paul, Preston on Thursday, July 10th at 11.30 am followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the Macmillan Nurses Cancer Relief Fund c/o R.M. Dorman Funeral Director, 10, Main Street, Bisbrooke, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9EP. A Memorial Service will be held later.

NOAD - Edward (Eddie) on July 2nd 1997 aged 86 peacefully after a short illness. Dear brother of Frank and to Louise, much loved uncle of Martin and Susan. Cremation at Poole Crematorium 11 o'clock Tuesday July 8th. Enquiries to Tapper Funeral Service, tel: Poole (01202) 673164.

SCOPES - Leonard, died at home on 30th June. Sir Leonard Arthur Scopes KCVO CMG OBE. Beloved husband of Brunhilde, brother of Margaret, much loved father of Heather, Lesley, Christofer and Julian and adored grandfather. Private family funeral, family flowers only.

SEYMOUR-GRIFFIN - John Charles on 1st July 1997. Beloved husband of Margaret and devoted father of Alex, Carrie and Charlie. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Shalford, on Monday July 7th at 11.30 am, followed by private committal. Family flowers only please. If wished donations for The Woodland Trust may be sent together with any enquiries c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, GU2 6NY, tel: (01483) 567333.

SWEET - *George, Painter*, Birder, died in Bristol on 29th June 1997 aged 87, father of Stephanie, grandfather of Lucian. Funeral at Canford Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday 10th July.

TAYLOR - (Née Beswick). On June 27th 1997 at home Lucy, dearly *loved mother of* Jane and Elizabeth, and darling Luise to Marcus. Funeral Service was held yesterday. Enquiries to McKenna Funerals Ltd., Meadow Street, Preston, tel: (01772) 251694.

WILKINS - Terence Charles on 25th June 1997 after an illness borne with *fortitude*, aged 71 years, widower of Anne (née Shanks). Funeral Service at City of London Cemetery Chapel at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 8th July.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES STEWART

James Stewart, film actor, died at his Beverly Hills home on July 2 aged 89. He was born in Vinegar Hill, Indiana, on May 20, 1908.

Although James Stewart became an archetype of western heroes, and, as a more mature character player, could turn his hand to reprobates, psychopaths and spiky lawyers, the original small-town boy never quite vanished. He might have put on weight, but there was still the same disarming loose-limbed awkwardness, the hesitation and characteristic gulp in his talk, and the persistent air of slightly hurt bemusement.

He was regarded at the outset of his career as something of a challenge by casting directors. But this very awkwardness was eventually perceived as a tremendous asset, making him unique in acting style among Hollywood's leading men. His down-home manner and hesitant drawl soon became his hallmarks. Indeed they were so instantly recognisable that he began to ape his screen persona in his private life and it was impossible to detect where the man ended and the actor began. As his wife admonished him at a party one night when he was beginning one of his shaggy dog stories: "Now, dear, don't talk like Jimmy Stewart."

A spindly, bespectacled youngster, James Maitland Stewart grew up in the delightfully cornball ethos of Vinegar Hill, Indiana, where his father had a china business. But he had a good head on his shoulders and got a place at Princeton to study architecture. There, however, he was soon caught up in university amateur dramatics.

On graduation he joined the University Players, established by his contemporary Joshua Logan. Other members of the company were Henry Fonda, who became a lifelong friend despite their political polarity (Stewart remained a committed though unaggressive Republican throughout his life and, like John Wayne, was a staunch supporter of American action in Vietnam) and Margaret Sullavan, with whom there seems to have been a romantic attachment, though it was Fonda who in time became the first of her four husbands.

With Fonda he went to New York where his first professional appearance was as Constable Gano in *Carrie Nation* at the Biltmore Theatre on October 29, 1932. He landed a run of small parts after this, and was spotted on stage by Hedda Hopper, whose recommendation helped him to get a long-term contract with MGM in 1935.

During the next few years, as he progressed from supporting roles to juvenile leads, he worked with an astonishing roster of the best Hollywood directors of the time: Tim Whelan, W. S. van Dyke, Clarence Brown, William Wellman, Henry King and John Cromwell.

His role as Eleanor Powell's leading man in *Born To Dance* (1936) confirmed him as a star. Margaret Sullavan, by this time herself established as a star at Universal, asked for him as her leading man in *Next Time We Love* (1936), and they later worked as a charming team in H. C. Potter's *Shopwork Angel* (1938), Ernst Lubitsch's *The Shop Around The Corner* (1939) and Frank Borzage's *The Mortal Storm* (1940).

Stewart's air of sweet incorruptible small-town boy, personifying the values of an older, kinder, better America, but capable of fighting stubbornly for his principles, was perfect material for Frank Capra's American fables. Before the war Capra directed Stewart in *You Can't Take It With You* (1938) and *Mr Smith Goes To Washington* (1939).

In *Destry Rides Again* (1939), opposite Marlene Dietrich, Stewart played his first classic western role; while George Cukor's *The Philadelphia Story*, in which his co-stars were Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant, won him an Oscar. After an anticlimactic run of parts — *Come Live With Me*, *Pot o' Gold*, *Ziegfeld Girl* — he joined the US Army Air Corps, rising from private to colonel and receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for 23 bombing missions over Germany with the Eighth Army Air Force. He became chief of staff of the Eighth Air Force's Second Combat Wing. After the war he pursued his military duties with the same enthusiasm, and rose to the rank of brigadier-general in the Reserve, making him the highest ranking entertainer in the USAF.

James Stewart in the American Civil War drama *Shenandoah*, 1965

On his return from the war he threw in his lot with Capra's short-lived independent production unit Liberty Films; but the resulting picture *It's A Wonderful Life* (1946) failed to capture the popularity of the prewar Capra films. This setback was followed by William Wellman's *Magic Town* (1947), which proved again that postwar audiences were not in the market for sentiment.

In his mid-thirties, Stewart now had to find maturer roles to offset the persistent boyish charm. He triumphantly revitalised his career with the part of a tough but incorruptible Chicago police reporter in Henry Hathaway's *Call Northside 777* (1948). Adjusting to the new economies of Hollywood, in 1952 Stewart was one of the first stars to enter into a percentage arrangement with his studio, Universal, rather than the traditional employee contract.

Stewart had the reputation among fellow professionals for being a wholly congenial and conscientious worker. He gratefully attributed his capacity for hard work and discipline to his training under the old-time studio system. Directors spoke of his readiness to undertake whatever hardships or special training a role required (for *Winchester 73* he made himself a formidable expert with the weapon of the title).

He first played for Alfred Hitchcock in *Rope* (1948), as the teacher who realises that his own philosophy has led two of his students to motiveless murder. In *Rear Window* (1954) he played a reluctant voyeur — a photographer confined to his room and window by a broken leg; in *The Man Who Knew Too Much* (1956) the role created by Leslie Banks in the 1934 original; in *Vertigo* (1958) a detective beset with personality problems of his own.

His career in westerns was shaped by his association with Anthony Mann, and enabled him to broaden his acting range and techniques. Their first western collaboration *Winchester 73* (1950) was followed by *Bend of the River* (1952), *The Naked Spur* (1953), *The Far Country* (1954) and *The Man From Laramie* (1955).

Later Stewart westerns with John Ford — *Two Rode Together* (1961), *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962) and *Cheyenne Autumn* (1964) — seemed to reflect the advancing age of both director and actor, in the more elegiac view of the West they presented. Even after this, however, Stewart frequently returned to western roles — in three films by Andrew V. Mclaglen: *Shenandoah* (1965), *The Rare Breed* (1966) and *Bandolero!* (1968); in Vincent McEveety's *Firecreek* (1968); in Gene Kelly's *The Cheyenne Social Club* (1970); and for the last time in Don Siegel's memorable epitaph for the West, *The Shootist* (1976).

Stewart was at his dullest in biopics or "institution" stories such as *The Stratton Story* (1949), the phenomenally successful *Glenn Miller Story* (1953), *Strategic Air Command* (1955), *The FBI Story* (1959), and Billy Wilder's *Spirit of St Louis* (1957).

There was always another, offbeat side to Stewart's "nice" image, however. He clearly had a great affection for Elwood P. Dowd, the inoffensive alcoholic hero of *Harvey*, which he played repeatedly on stage (the last time with Helen Hayes on Broadway in 1970) as well as in the 1950 film version. In his later working years he seemed positively to relish less reputable roles: a crook in *Bandolero!* (1968); the heir to a whorehouse in *the Cheyenne Social Club* (1970), which reunited him with Henry Fonda; and in *Fool's Parade* (1971) a righteously vengeful old convict with a companionable glass eye.

His final film appearances seemed whimsical choices: Michael Winner's *The Big Sleep* (1977), the formula comedy *Airport 77* (1977) and *The Magic of Lassie* (1978), in which Stewart was an endearing grandad who even sang. He made infrequent appearances in television films.

In 1984 Stewart received a special Academy Award for "fifty years of meaningful performances, for his high skills both on and off the screen, with the respect and affection of his colleagues". His own view of acting was strictly practical, and certainly underestimated his achievement: "The most important thing about acting is to approach it as a craft, not as an art and not as some mysterious kind of religion".

Stewart carried his home-town image into his private life; his long years in the ranks of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors produced no breath of scandal. He was already 41 when he married, in 1949, Gloria McLean, and she came with a ready-made family of two sons. Theirs was regarded as one of the happiest marriages in Hollywood; it endured until her death from lung cancer in 1994. After her death Stewart, devastated by his loss, became a virtual recluse.

He is survived by one of the two stepsons she brought to their marriage, and by their own two daughters. A second stepson was killed while on active service in Vietnam in 1969.

SIR KENNETH LEWIS

Sir Kenneth Lewis, former Conservative MP for Rutland and Stamford, died on July 2 aged 81. He was born on July 1, 1916.

IN 1957 England's smallest county, Rutland, delivered a significant political surprise. To the consternation of the Tory Establishment, the constituency of Rutland and Stamford rejected various Old Etonian candidates and selected instead Kenneth Lewis, a travel agent and an old boy of Jarrow Central School.

Lewis, though, soon allayed the fears of the Conservative hierarchy. For nearly 30 years he proved to be an outstanding backbencher and a much loved constituency Member. Rutland became his adopted home, to which he retired. His successful fight to maintain the independence of Rutland in the early 1960s won plaudits throughout the country.

Many older parliamentarians will also remember Lewis as the figure who stood up in the 1922 Committee and warned Edward Heath in November 1974 that the Conservative Party leadership was "a leasehold, not a freehold" — a phrase which became the touch-paper for the Tory power struggle that eventually resulted in Margaret Thatcher displacing Heath. Setting that process in motion was a notable achievement for an unconventional Conservative MP who scarcely conformed to the normal vision of "a knight of the shires".

Kenneth Lewis was the son of William Lewis, a Tyneside shipfitter, and his wife Agnes. His background was distinctly modest: the family lived in a small house, shared with a couple upstairs, with no bathroom and a tin tub put out in front of the fire when required. From his state school in Jarrow the young Lewis gained a place at Edinburgh University, joining the University Air Corps.

On the outbreak of war he volunteered for the RAF. Later he was to fly as a rear-gunner in Lancaster bombers on raids over Germany. On one occasion his Perspex shield smashed at a height of 30,000 ft on his way to Berlin. He suffered severe frostbite and, after a time in hospital, was discharged as medically unfit. But he was immediately recruited into the public relations department of the RAF. Here he developed his considerable writing skills, which remained with him until the end of his life.

Lewis showed an interest in politics from an early age. He was first seen to be active in political life in his home town of Jarrow, where he became initially secretary and ultimately chairman of the then equivalent of the Young Conservatives.

Towards the end of the war, he was given leave to return from Belgium to fight the 1945 general election, in which he unsuccessfully contested the Lancashire seat of Newton as a Conservative.

In 1950 he again contested Newton, and, in 1951, the more marginal Ashton-under-Lyme, which he failed to win. He did not stand in the 1955 election. The turning-point for his political career came in 1957 when he arrived in the strongly traditional county of Rutland. The sitting Member, Sir Roger Conant, a typical county MP of those days, had decided to retire. A selection committee was set up. Lewis, as a Tyneside travel agent, was a complete outsider — but he had natural charm and, above all else, he could speak. In the end he was selected.

Harold Macmillan's Government was far from popular in Rutland. In July 1959 Sir Henry Hancock had come to the county, as chairman of the Local Government Commission. His commission had the unenviable task of reforming local government; Rutland seemed to have no chance under guidelines set out by the Conservative Government. Sure enough, when the commission made its first report in 1960 it was worse than anyone expected. Rutland was not only to be murdered; it was to be dismembered. The majority of the county was to be involuntarily incorporated into Leicestershire.

In the Commons Lewis made a real nuisance of himself. "I was uncertain as to whether the fight was winnable but I figured we could only win it politically. I came in with questions to every minister I could, on anything I thought was appropriate, nothing to do with Rutland. I used to just bring Rutland in," he recalled.

At the Conservative Party conference that autumn Lewis won the ballot for the then Saturday morning debate. He decided to play to the gallery, threatening to call in the United Nations to sort out *Rutland's dispute*. The conference collapsed in laughter, and a motion in favour of Rutland keeping its independence was overwhelmingly carried.

In the summer of 1961 the Local Government Commission presented its final report. There was no reprieve for Rutland. "The population, resources, case-loads, staff and institutions make it impossible for Rutland to be a fully effective county, either now or in the future," was the *commission's verdict*.

Lewis went to see Iain Macleod, chairman of the Conservative Party. "Why pick on little Rutland, it's not going to cost you anything to say forget the bloody thing and leave them alone," he bluntly told the party chairman.

The sense of overwhelming public sympathy eventually reached the Prime Minister. William Codrington, Rutland's Lord-Lieutenant, met Macmillan quietly for dinner *at Pratt's Club. The* Prime Minister asked: "What's all this trouble in Rutland?", and his host replied: "If you leave it as it is, that will be what everyone wants." And that was what happened.

The victory announcement coincided with Rutland's County Show on a glorious summer's day. Kenneth Lewis and other dignitaries were ushered into a Land-Rover and toured the arena in a lap of honour. The next day, a *Times* leader congratulated "the little, gallant county. Her loyal defenders have put up a most sporting fight and so have earned her cheer."

Alas, the reprieve was only temporary: Rutland died as an administrative county on April 1, 1979. It became a district of Leicestershire, but Lewis lived long enough to see his county's independence restored earlier this year.

His interests did not lie only in his adopted county. He was fascinated by all aspects of the proceedings of the House and was considered "a sound House of Commons man". If he failed to become a Minister, it was, no doubt, partly because his forthright attitudes did not always appeal to successive government Chief Whips.

Kenneth Lewis served as MP for Rutland and Stamford from 1959 until the boundary changes made in 1983. There was then great dismay when he stood aside for a neighbour and moved instead to be elected as Member for the new constituency of Stamford and Spalding. He finally retired from the Commons in 1987, having been knighted in 1983. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Rutland in 1973.

He married in 1948 Jane (known as Jean), daughter of Samuel Pearson of Adderstone, Mains, Northumberland. She died in 1991 and he is survived by a son and a daughter.

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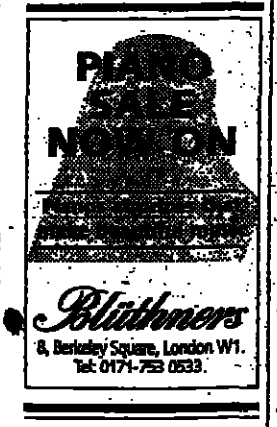

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Sleaze report castigates Tory MPs

■ Neil Hamilton and four other former Conservative MPs were severely censured yesterday in a damning report into parliamentary sleaze that would almost certainly have prompted their expulsion had they still been in the Commons.

There was "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton had received direct cash payments from Mohamed Al Fayed, Sir Gordon Downey concluded in his long-awaited findings on the cash-for-questions scandal .... **Pages 1, 10, 11, 21**

Conran's £10m divorce settlement

■ Sir Terence Conran was ordered to provide his third wife with a divorce package worth more than £10 million. Lady Conran will keep homes in London and Dorset and receive a lump sum of £6.2 million. The award, by Mr Justice Wilson, is believed to be the largest in a contested divorce .... **Pages 1, 3**

Shares break record

The stock market reached a record as dealers ignored the threat of rate rises and gave the Budget a vote of confidence. The FTSE 100 closed up 80.3 points at 4831.7 .... **Pages 1, 21, 28**

Welfare sanctions

Unemployed young people who reject a place on the Government's Welfare to Work scheme will lose full benefits for up to a month, David Blunkett announced................ **Pages 2, 21**

Murder witness

A nine-year-old girl became a key witness in the trial of Tracie Andrews when she described in videotaped evidence hearing two people arguing at the murder scene .... **Page 4**

BA dispute hope

British Airways was optimistic that a package of proposals aimed at ending the dispute involving catering staff at Heathrow would be accepted .....**Page 2**

Hippocrates updated

A draft attempt at rewriting the doctors' Hippocratic Oath was condemned by the BMA as too long and boring. Now they want a poet to have a try ....**Page 7**

Breast is best

Mothers resigned from the National Childbirth Trust over a decision to accept sponsorship from Sainsbury's, which sells breast milk substitute................ **Page 9**

Ulster alert

Thousands of troops will guard strategic locations throughout Northern Ireland this weekend if no agreement is reached on the route of Ulster's most contentious Orange march .... **Pages 12, 21**

Mir in trouble again

The stricken Russian space station Mir, damaged by a collision last week, lost power when its alignment system broke down, renewing fears for the mission's future .... **Page 13**

Nato's gamble

Nato's plan to expand into Eastern Europe remains a bold gamble that will present a huge challenge for the security organisation through to the next century......................... **Page 14**

Volcano victims

Seventy Montserratians are leaving every day for Britain and other parts of the Caribbean as the Chance Peak volcano continues to erupt .... **Pages 15, 21**

Hong Kong hazard

Hong Kong's Chief Executive must curb property price rises but if he releases government-owned building land he risks damaging the stock market............ **Page 16**

Albanian turmoil

Four days after the Albanian election there is still no result and the struggle for power continues with shooting and killing on the streets of Tirana .... **Pages 17, 21**

Henman and Rusedski blown away

■ Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski were swept out of Wimbledon in quick succession as thousands of fans failed to occupy their pre-paid No 1 Court seats for Britain's most momentous day for men's tennis since 1961. When Henman's match started the 11,400 capacity court was only two-thirds full; Rusedski was watched by 3,000 people............. **Pages 1, 45, 48**

ROMEO RANOCO/REUTERS

Chris Patten's daughters Alice, left, Laura and Kate disembark from the Royal Yacht *Britannia* in Manila yesterday. Page 16

BUSINESS

Pensions warning: The pensions industry has told companies they will have to find an extra £75 billion over the next decade to fill the hole created by the abolition of dividend tax relief ....**Page 25**

Lockheed merger: Lockheed Martin, the world's largest defence group, is to merge with Northrop Grumman to create a $37 billion company............................**Page 25**

Grosvenor sell-off: Granada is understood to be close to selling its Grosvenor House Hotel for £350 million to Ritz-Carlton.......**Page 25**

Markets: The FTSE 100 surged a further 80.3 points to a new high of 4831.7. The pound gained 5.4 pfennigs to DM2.9451 and rose 3.3 cents to $1.6840. The pound index rose to 103.5 from 101.7................ **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Australia reached 224 for seven on the first day of the third Test at Old Trafford. Steve Waugh scored 102 not out: Dean Headley took three wickets .... **Page 48**

Tennis: Martina Hingis, the world No 1, defeated Anna Kournikova 6-3, 6-2 in the battle of the 16-year-olds in the women's singles semi-finals at Wimbledon ....**Page 45**

Golf: Lee Westwood broke the course record with a first round of 65 in the Irish Open at Druids Glen, moving him closer to a place in the Ryder Cup for the first time.................................. **Page 42**

Rugby union: Mike Catt will play at stand-off half for the British Isles in the final international against South Africa in place of the injured Gregor Townsend .... **Page 46**

ARTS

Acting up: The loss this week of both Robert Mitchum and James Stewart prompts Benedict Nightingale to ponder the differing demands of stage and screen on actors ....**Page 33**

Scream 'n' dance: It was no accident that Primal Scream played their Glastonbury set in the Dance Tent; the new album is firmly back to dance/rock fusion ....**Page 34**

Women's world: The pop charts are dominated by a new breed of angry young women singer-songwriters led by the likes of Meredith Brooks..................................**Page 35**

Madam's butterflies: The Royal Ballet School's golden jubilee gala which is dedicated to "Madam", Dame Ninette de Valois, has a stage full of insects ....**Page 36**

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The boys who built their own engine and made a 2,000mpg car

■ WEEKEND

Jane Burton sees four young Parisians desperately trying to go mad in London, capital of cool

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Return: Louis de Bernières takes a sentimental journey back to the Greek island that provided the setting for his bestselling novel, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*....**Page 19**

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Short by a head: Schools are finding it hard to recruit head teachers. John Rae explains why......**Page 39**

THE PAPERS

Economic experts in Berlin are recommending a more relaxed monetary policy to create jobs. It would be better if the Government did not listen to such advice. The economic recovery is weak, investors are being scared off by the highest labour costs in the world, by the longest holidays, by a complicated tax system with high rates and social benefits that are climbing ever upwards. The state has driven up its debts massively — without making any lasting impact on economic growth — *Die Welt*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Are they unmissable or unwatchable? The young New Yorkers are back. *Friends* (Channel 4, 9pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond cannot warm to Dr Sam Bliss .... **Pages 46, 47**

OPINION

The Downey verdict

Had the report on the "cash for questions" scandal been published before the general election the Conservatives might have suffered an electoral catastrophe rather than a mere disaster ....**Page 21**

Making work pay

The principle that employment should be maximised — and employed people excluded as far as possible from the benefits bureaucracy — is both right and fundamental to reform ....**Page 21**

Lava louts

While few may choose to wander the flanks of an erupting volcano, seen from afar the spectacle has an undeniable grandeur ....**Page 21**

COLUMNS

MATTHEW PARRIS

It matters less that the law is fair, than that people know what the law is: that it will not change with the weather. The benign effects of simply leaving the furniture of the State where it is, so that citizens learn how to manoeuvre without stubbing their toes, can hardly be overstated .... **Page 20**

PHILIP HOWARD

William Hague is not Just William. His reply to the Budget was too damned goody-goody ...... **Page 20**

JOHN LLOYD

Gordon Brown has redefined socialism's pursuit of equality to mean as much equality as possible in the pursuit of work ...... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

While Parliament cannot take specific sanctions against the non-MPs criticised in Sir Gordon Downey's report, those accused should withdraw from public life......... **Page 11**

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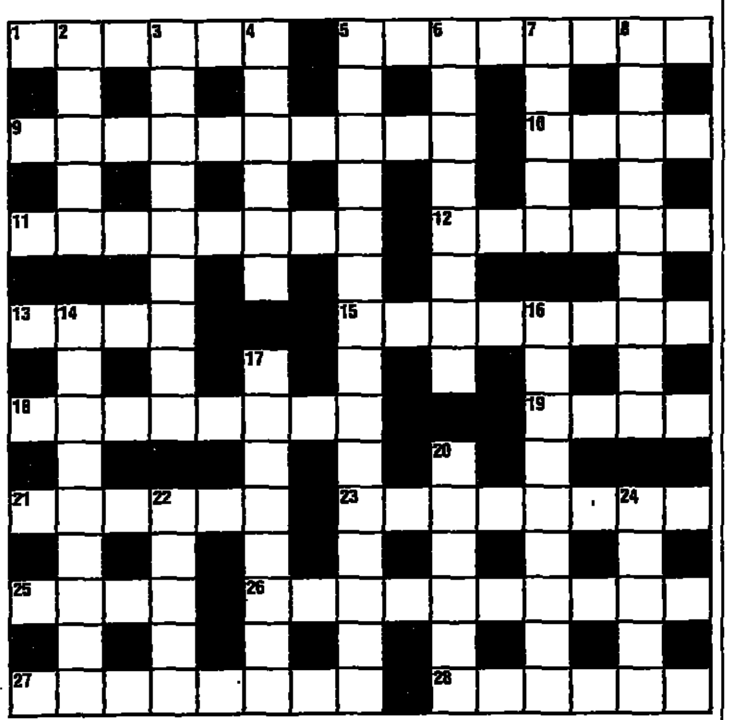

ACROSS

1 Peak to scale with ice-tool, we hear (6).
5 Socialist moved to the centre? (4-4).
9 One opens something to eat — two biscuits (10).
10 Kiss cheek (4).
11 This charge is just for accommodation (4,4).
12 People are going to see this sign as pretty inaccurate (3,3).
13 Nothing was sarcastic in respectful tribute (4).
15 Take a pound from man of the world for safety procedure (8).
18 Turn Adam's misfortune to advantage (8).
19 French composer's endless pause (4).
21 Head off serious rupture, but unable to choose course (6).
23 Ruler holding nothing against region (8).
25 Almost a month's supply of brandy (4).
26 One of the Rovers who restarts action after foul play? (10).
27 Painter only composed in bright colours (8).
28 Chaperone is expected to bring girl back (6).

DOWN

2 Girl left distinctive impression (5).
3 Club assessed for tax and given a soaking (9).
4 Looked beamingly at patient? (1-5).
5 Very quickly warm to appreciative audience (4,3,8).
6 E.g. rocket launch to succeed (8).
7 Darling girl's original upbringing — only half a lady (5).
8 Like lesser spotted bird, such as owl? (9).
14 Chance meeting Cupid arranged? (5,4).
16 A singular stroke of luck for driver (4,2,3).
17 Extravagant faults we fixed (8).
20 In fast-growing area, house mortgage raised (6).
22 Old American captured on film (5).
24 Completely unspoiled (5).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.50 am	Sun sets: 9.20 pm
Moon sets 8.41 pm	Moon rises 4.55 am

New moon today

London 4.50 pm to 9.20 am
Bristol 9.29 pm to 5.01 am
Edinburgh 10.00 pm to 4.35 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 4.48 am
Penzance 9.34 pm to 5.19 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a day of sunshine and showers. Scotland will have a few showers and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry. Winds will be light.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N England, NE England:** mostly cloudy but with a few sunnier breaks. Widespread showers. Max 68F (20C).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District:** rather cloudy with a few sunny breaks and scattered showers. Max 66F (19C).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** bright with sunshine and showers. Max 66F (19C).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** a lot of cloud giving isolated showers. Some sunny spells later. Max 63F (17C).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly cloudy and damp with occasional light rain and drizzle. Perhaps drier later. Max 59F (15C).

☐ **NW Scotland:** mostly cloudy but dry. Max 61F (16C).

☐ **N Ireland:** dry with some sunny spells in the East. Max 66F (19C).

☐ **Outlook:** Mainly dry and bright.

☐ **Pollen:** moderate except for northern Scotland, northwest and northeast England, North Wales and London, where it will be low. (Forecast supplied by the Pollen Research Unit)

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.5	0.17	12	54	r	Leeds	0.1	0.14	16	61	sh
Aspatria	0.2	0.26	14	57	sh	Lerwick	2.0	0.09	13	55	r
Aviemore	1.6	0.02	14	57	r	Leuchars	1.4	0.18	14	57	r
Belfast	1.6	0.01	16	61	sh	Littlehmptn	2.0	0.30	16	61	sh
Birmingham	0.9	0.04	16	61	sh	London	2.3	0.01	17	63	sh
Bognor R	1.6	0.24	16	61	sh	Lowestoft	3.8	0.27	16	61	sh
Bournem'th	2.4	0.11	16	61	d	Margate	4.5	0.01	18	64	c
Bristol	1.5	0.03	16	61	sh	Morecambe	2.8	0.23	16	61	c
Buxton	-	0.16	13	55	sh	Newcastle	2.4	0.68	15	59	t
Cardiff	3.5	0.11	17	63	sh	Newquay	0.3	0.12	17	63	c
Cleethorpes	1.3	0.33	17	63	b	Oxford	1.7	0.01	17	63	sh
Colwyn Bay	7.4	0.04	16	61	c	Penzance	-	0.11	16	61	sh
Cromer	3.7	0.06	16	61	c	Poole	4.2	0.03	19	66	s
Dunbar	0.3	0.01	13	55	b	Ross-o-wye	1.1	0.08	15	59	sh
Eastbourne	4.6	0.06	16	61	sh	Salcombe	1.0	0.02	16	61	c
Edinburgh	1.3	0.28	15	59	r	Saunton Snd	1.6	0.16	16	61	b
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.47	15	59	sh	Scarboro'	1.5	0.07	15	59	b
Exmouth	-	0.08	15	59	sh	Shrewsbury	0.6	0.13	15	59	r
Falmouth	-	0.13	14	57	c	Skegness	3.6	0.11	17	63	sh
Fishguard	4.9	0.69	14	57	s	Southend	1.2	-	16	61	sh
Folkestone	7.2	0.02	17	63	b	Southport	3.1	0.04	16	61	b
Glasgow	0.6	0.03	16	61	r	Stornoway	7.6	0.01	16	61	s
Hastings	5.8	0.04	16	61	c	Swanage	3.4	0.06	16	61	sh
Hayling I.	1.2	0.11	16	61	b	Teignmouth	0.4	0.06	16	61	c
Herne Bay	4.4	0.01	17	63	b	Tenby	1.2	0.12	15	59	c
Hove	3.3	0.08	15	59	c	Tiree	10.8	-	16	61	s
Hunstanton	1.4	0.08	17	63	c	Torquay	1.0	0.04	16	61	c
Isle of Man	2.2	0.14	15	59	sh	Tynemouth	-	0.12	14	57	sh
Jersey	1.3	0.02	16	61	sh	West-s-mare	0.6	0.22	17	63	c
Kinloss	2.5	0.01	13	55	r	Weymouth	2.2	0.03	16	61	b

ABROAD

Ajaccio	22	72	s	C'phagn	19	66	s	Malaga	25	77	f	S Paulo	25	77	c
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Dublin	11	52	d	Malta	29	84	s	Salzburg	25	77	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Melb'rne	10	50	c	Santiago	X		
Algiers	26	79	s	Faro	21	70	f	Mexico C	20	68	c	Seoul	26	79	c
Amst'dm	20	68	s	Florence	28	82	s	Miami	28	82	r	Sing'por	32	90	f
Athens	34	93	s	Frankfurt	23	73	t	Milan	24	75	t	St'kholm	27	81	t
B Aires	12	54	s	Funchal	18	64	r	Montreal	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	22	72	s
Bahrain	37	98	s	Geneva	18	64	f	Moscow	24	75	t	Sydney	15	59	s
Bangkok	31	88	t	Gibraltar	24	75	t	Munich	25	77	s	Tangier	21	70	c
Barbados	29	84	s	Helsinki	27	81	s	N Delhi	35	95	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Barcelona	19	66	f	Hong K	27	81	r	N York	25	77	f	Tenerife	25	77	c
Beirut	29	84	f	Innsbrck	23	73	t	Nairobi	20	68	f	Tokyo	27	81	r
Belgrade	27	81	s	Istanbul	29	84	s	Naples	28	82	s	Toronto	27	81	s
Berlin	24	75	s	Jeddah	X			Nice	21	70	r	Tunis	33	91	s
Bermuda	26	79	t	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	18	64	t	Valencia	27	81	c
Biarritz	15	59	c	Karachi	X			Paris	14	57	r	Vanc'ver	18	64	s
Borde'x	18	64	c	L Angels	24	75	s	Peking	31	88	f	Venice	24	75	s
Brussels	18	64	f	L Palmas	25	77	c	Perth	16	61	f	Vienna	25	77	s
Budapest	26	79	f	Le Tquet	16	61	t	Prague	23	73	s	Warsaw	23	73	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	20	68	c	Reykjavik	11	52	c	Wash'ton	24	75	r
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	17	63	r	Rhodes	30	86	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	X
Ch'church	7	45	X	Luxembg	15	59	r	Rio de J	27	81	s	Zurich	24	75	f
Chicago	31	88	s	Luxor	42	108	s	Riyadh	43	109	s				
Cologne	19	66	s	Madrid	19	66	c	Rome	21	70	f				
Corfu	31	88	s	Majorca	27	81	f	S Fr'isco	19	66	s				

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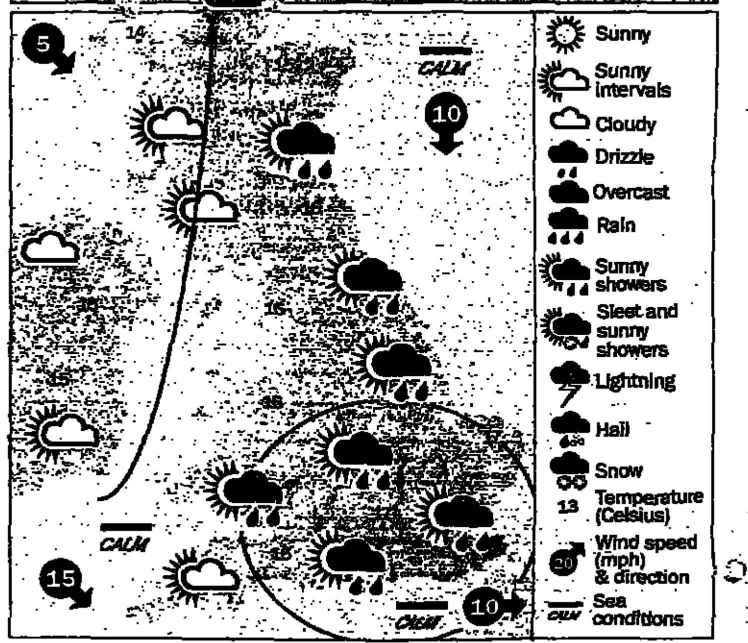

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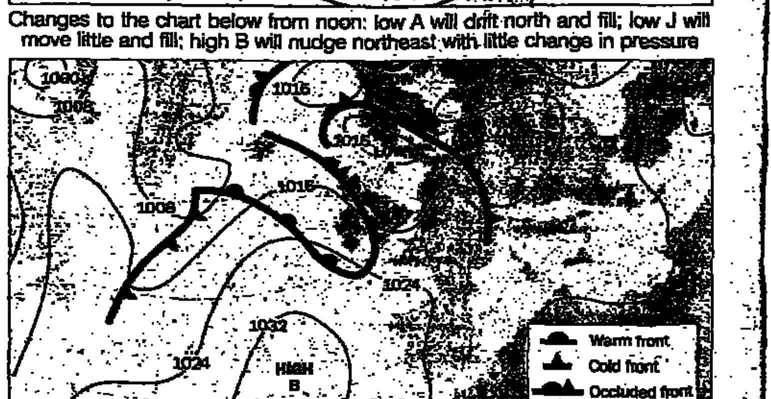

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Aberdeen	01.43	4.1	14.08	4.0	Liverpool	11.51	8.9	-	-
Avonmouth	07.45	12.4	20.04	12.6	Lowestoft	10.01	2.5	22.30	2.4
Belfast	11.42	3.3	23.55	3.5	Margate	00.19	4.4	12.44	4.4
Cardiff	07.31	11.5	19.50	11.7	Milford Haven	06.44	6.5	19.05	6.6
Devonport	06.22	5.1	18.42	5.3	Newquay	05.36	6.5	17.57	5.6
Dover	11.38	6.4	23.56	6.4	Oban	06.27	3.6	18.35	3.7
Dublin (N Wall)	-	-	12.17	3.9	Penzance	05.05	5.1	17.27	5.3
Falmouth	05.53	4.9	18.13	5.1	Portland	07.10	1.7	19.28	2.0
Greenock	00.42	3.2	13.23	3.1	Portsmouth	11.54	4.4	-	-
Harwich	00.05	3.8	12.29	3.8	Shoreham	11.50	5.8	-	-
Holyhead	10.57	5.2	23.17	5.5	Southampton	11.24	4.3	23.41	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	06.51	8.3	19.13	8.2	Swansea	06.48	8.9	19.09	9.1
Ilfracombe	06.28	8.6	18.47	8.8	Tees	04.04	5.2	16.26	5.1
King's Lynn	06.53	6.3	19.17	6.2	Walton-on-N	-	-	12.23	4.0

All times BST. Heights in metres.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Aberdeenshire, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.71in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 10.8hr.

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Lockheed menaces Europe with big merger

By Oliver August

LOCKHEED MARTIN, the world's biggest defence group, is merging with Northrop Grumman, one of its main US rivals. The $11.6 billion deal completes the consolidation of the US aerospace industry and poses a serious commercial threat to European manufacturers, including British Aerospace.

The deal was triggered by the $13 billion merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, which is currently being investigated by the European Commission. A spokeman for Karel van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said that a Lockheed investigation is being considered.

Combining Lockheed and Northrop will create a group with annual sales of $37 billion and a global workforce of 230,000. Both companies said that they did not expect anti-trust objections.

Norman Augustine, the Lockheed chairman, approached Northrop Grumman a few months ago. He said: "Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman have been leaders in consolidating the aerospace industry, and we are now taking the next logical step in combining together to shape the future."

Kent Kresa, the Northrop chairman, will serve as vice-chairman of the new Lockheed group.

A BAe spokesman said: "This merger serves to remind the Europeans that we have to move forward. We would like to move faster, but we cannot copy these sort of moves."

BAe will be less than half the size of the new US giant, whose economies of scale will help it to outbid European competition.

Lockheed Martin was formed in 1995 by the merger of the former Lockheed Corporation and Martin Marietta, giving it annual sales of $27 billion. Northrop Grumman was formed by the union of Northrop and Grumman in 1994. Last year it had sales of $8 billion.

The entire US defence and aeropace industry is now dominated by only three companies. Lockheed and Boeing split the aircraft market between them, and Raytheon is the main electronics specialist. Northrop had been fourth-ranked.

This latest merger will form the last part of the legacy of the so-called Last Supper. The heads of the big US aerospace and defence companies were invited to dinner in the White House in 1993 to be told that there were too many of them. None of the mega-mergers that followed were blocked. The Boeing-McDonnell merger was approved by the US Government on Tuesday.

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Shape for the future: Norman Augustine said Lockheed and Northrop Grumman were taking a logical step towards consolidating the industry

Employers face £75bn pension fund bill

By Paul Durman and Caroline Merrell

THE pension fund industry is claiming employers will have to find an additional £75 billion over the next ten years to meet the cost of the Budget's changes to the taxation of dividend income.

While the Treasury continued to insist that existing surpluses would lessen the impact, pension experts were in turmoil, producing widely varying assessments of the reduction in investment returns; the increased cost to pension schemes and the numerous knock-on effects. Yet to the astonishment of some actuaries, the stock market soared to a new peak of 4831.7, 80.3 points up on the day.

Peter Murray, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, said the Treasury's estimate of an annual cost of £2.5 billion covered the cost of higher future pension contributions only. Another £45 billion would have to be put into schemes to meet existing liabilities. Spread over ten years, and with £5 billion added for interest costs, this gives the NAPF its total of £75 billion.

A different approach taken by Andrew Wilson, partner at Watson Wyatt, the pension consultants, suggested that £70 billion had been wiped off the value of UK pension funds. The industry has about £600 billion of investments, roughly half of them in UK shares. Some pension scheme advisers said employers would stop offering guaranteed pensions under final salary schemes, and will instead offer less secure schemes that require employees to bear the investment risk. Johnstone Douglas, the benefit consultants, said the move represented "the final nail in the coffin" for final salary schemes.

Legal & General said one large scheme, with a £250 million surplus, had immediately decided to close its final salary scheme to new members. The Chancellor's change has wiped out the surplus, giving it a £30 million deficit.

The loss of the 20 per cent tax credit on dividends will also increase the cost of clearing up the personal pension mis-selling scandal. Andrew Black, marketing manager of Standard Life, the insurer, said the cost of reinstating victims in company pension schemes would rise by up to 10 per cent.

Other insurers expect the changes to add to the estimated £4 billion cost of sorting out the mess, which embraces about 500,000 personal pension policyholders. The Securities and Investments Board, the senior financial regulator, is seeking actuarial advice, but suggested the tax change should not seriously affect or further delay compensation.

Those who have already received compensation via a payment into their personal pension plans will suffer because of a fall in future investment returns.

Mr Black said policyholders who are 20 years from retirement face a 15 per cent drop in the pension they can expect. Younger investors 40 years from retirement may lose a quarter of their pension.

Estimates of the fall in investment returns ranged from 1 per cent a year from Legal & General, to perhaps as little as 0.25 per cent, according to Mike Wadsworth, another Watson Wyatt partner. Although pension investors face a 20 per cent loss in income from UK shares, money in overseas investments, government bonds and property will not be affected. The dividend credit loss will be partly offset by the Chancellor's two-point cut in corporation tax.

Public sector pension schemes, such as those for the Civil Service and local authorities, will also be hit. The funding shortfall will have to be met by the taxpayer.

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Exporters under pressure as pound hits six-year high

By Alasdair Murray and Fraser Nelson

THE POUND yesterday hit new highs on the foreign exchanges, bringing further misery for Britain's exporters.

The pound climbed about two pfennigs against the mark, clearing the old ERM central parity of DM2.95, to close at a six-year high of DM2.9650. It also rose more than a cent to close at $1.6887, close to the year's high.

Analysts said manufacturing and engineering shares were facing 2-3 per cent downgrades as the pound continued its rise, threatening export profits. Exporters expressed concern at the Chancellor's decision not to target consumers with higher taxes to take the pressure off interest rates.

Simon Duffy, finance director at EMI Group, said: "Most of our business is outside the UK, so we would rather have seen a Budget that brought the strength of sterling more under control. He has taken too much from industry and from business and not from consumer expenditure."

Economists expect the Bank of England to raise rates by at least a quarter-point next week. Some have predicted that rates will rise to 8 per cent, a view encouraged by the latest economic data, which showed services and high street sales rising strongly. But Bronwyn Curtis, UK economist at Nomura, the broker, said: "The initial market reaction to the Budget has been too pessimistic. The Bank's dissatisfaction with recent sterling strength will make them reluctant to hike more than a quarter point in one hit."

The Bank of England broke with a tradition of Budget neutrality on Wednesday to issue a statement welcoming the Budget and especially the planned improvement in government finances. It hinted that it may pursue a less aggressive interest rate policy because the Budget had provided 'help' in dealing with the problem of the high pound, although it did not solve the Bank's dilemma.

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Mirror to unveil bid for Midland titles

By Eric Reguly

MIRROR GROUP, publisher of *The Mirror, Daily Record* and *The Sporting Life*, is expected to reveal this morning a £285 million agreed bid for Midland Independent Newspapers (MIN). The move will mark Mirror's first foray into regional newspapers south of the Scottish border.

MIN is Britain's sixth-largest regional newspaper group by circulation. Its biggest titles are *The Birmingham Post* and *Evening Mail*, and the *Coventry Evening Telegraph* and *Sunday Mercury*.

Mirror Group's offer is expected to be pitched at about 210p a share, compared with MIN's price of 149p on the day before the companies were forced to admit that takeover negotiations were under way. MIN is also expected to reveal that its forecast for this year's pre-tax profits is as much as £25 million.

MIN shares closed yesterday at 188½p, up 1p, after an 8p rise on Wednesday. The company was floated in 1994 at 140p and rarely rose above that price until the Mirror Group's intentions were made known.

Mirror Group shares have gone in the opposite direction on investors' fears that the deal does not make economic sense. Newsquest, the American-backed company that beat Mirror Group last year for control of Westminster Press, has valued MIN at only about 165p a share. It has stated that it will not launch a rival bid.

MIN's operations do not appear to leave much room for cost cutting. Its operating margins, at about 20 per cent, are among the industry's highest.

Directors of MIN, led by Chris Oakley, chief executive, will not get rich if the deal goes through. They own less than 1 per cent of the equity.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4831.7	(+80.3)
Yield	3.38%	
FTSE All share	2269.36	(+28.94)
Nikkei	20121.41	(-75.01)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7895.81	(+100.43)
S&P Composite	918.91	(+12.88)

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 7/16%	(5%)
Long Bond	100 1/32	(96 29/32)
Yield	6.62%	(6.71%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7%	(6 7/8%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6908	(1.6770)
London:		
$	1.6838	(1.6508)
DM	2.9449	(2.8898)
FFr	9.9285	(9.7363)
SFr	1.4675	(2.4244)
Yen	191.20	(188.82)
£ Index	103.5	(101.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7520	(1.7550)
FFr	5.8990	(5.9105)
SFr	1.4680	(1.4715)
Yen	113.65	(114.50)
$ Index	102.3	(102.8)

Tokyo close Yen 114.31

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$18.30	($18.95)

GOLD

London close	$331.65	($332.35)

Double

BAA has launched a $674 million bid for Duty Free International, the quoted American tax-free retailer. It will double the size of BAA's duty-free operation, creating the world's second-largest duty-free retailer, with sales exceeding $1 billion. Page 27

Bills cut

Electricity bills could fall by £27 next year because of fresh price controls being considered by the industry regulator ahead of the introduction of a competitive market. Page 31

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Granada in talks over £350m Grosvenor sale

By Dominic Walsh

GRANADA is in negotiations to sell the landmark Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane in London for more than £350 million, just five months after it said it was taking the five-star property off the market.

Company insiders say an international hotel group, thought to be Ritz-Carlton, the US luxury hotel operator controlled by Marriott, is conducting due diligence on the hotel and that a deal is "definitely on the cards".

Ritz-Carlton manages rather than owns hotels, and there were suggestions last night that the money behind the deal is linked to the kingdom of Qatar's ruling Althani family.

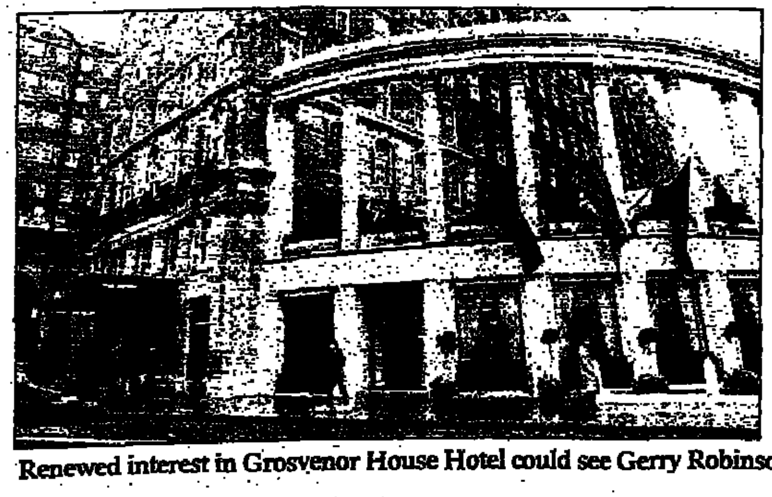
The 453-bedroom Grosvenor House, which also houses the capital's premier banqueting suite and 142 serviced apartments, formed part of the 17-strong Exclusive Hotels chain put up for sale by Granada last year in the wake of its £3.9 billion takeover of Forte, the hotel and restaurant empire. Famous names such as the George-V in Paris and London's Hyde Park Hotel have sold for well above book value, but Granada hit a brick wall with the Grosvenor House. Although it has a book value of £302 million, it was valued at £375 million by Christie & Co as part of Forte's bid defence, and Gerry Robinson, Granada chairman, is thought to have put its asking price close to the Christie figure.

In the initial sale process potential buyers appeared to be put off by the level of investment required to revive what has become a somewhat tired hotel. Although it is forecast to make almost £30 million this year, industry experts estimate the likely cost of refurbishment at £60 million to £100 million, with the Great Room alone requiring at least £15 million.

Granada's response was to take the Grosvenor House off the market and start a £30 million refurbishment of its own. Ironically, it is this action that appears to have flushed out fresh interest.

The Althani family already has substantial hotel interests in the Middle East and is known to be a regular user of the Grosvenor House, which is situated close to the Qatar Embassy in South Audley Street. Ritz-Carlton, meanwhile, has long been seeking a hotel in London, and a tie-up with wealthy Middle Eastern investors would be a logical move.

Granada, which has eight other Exclusives and 13 Heritage hotels up for sale, as well its 68 per cent stake in the Savoy Group, declined to comment. However, a source close to the company admitted that since February's announcement there had been a revival of interest and a sale at the right price remains a possibility.



Renewed interest in Grosvenor House Hotel could see Gerry Robinson, right, close a £350 million sale

Pledges on borrowing will require big cuts, says think-tank

Brown warned on public spending

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN will need to make big cuts in public spending over the next few years to meet his commitments to reduce public borrowing, the Institute for Fiscal Studies said yesterday.

The independent economic think-tank said that Mr Brown's projections for a substantial fall in the public sector borrowing requirement over the next few years relied as much on real falls in government spending as on the £5 billion of tax rises announced on Wednesday.

The Government has committed itself for the next two years to meeting spending targets set by Kenneth Clarke. Mr Brown has said he will spell out spending plans for the remainder of this Parliament when a spending review is completed.

The "white book" published by the Treasury yesterday provided three possible spending patterns for 1998-99. The IFS said that even the pattern of fastest spending growth, at 2.5 per cent a year, implied government spending falling to under 38 per cent of national income by 2001-02, compared with 41 per cent last year.

In real terms, the Treasury forecast indicated even tighter public spending growth because it has increased the gross domestic product deflator — a measure of inflation.

However, the IFS said that public spending had grown by an average of 1.9 per cent a year under the Conservatives. Under the Treasury's projected spending patterns, the Government would have between £14.9 billion and £31.2 billion less to spend in the last year of this Parliament than if it allowed spending to grow by its recent average throughout the Parliament.

John Hall, of the IFS, said: "These cuts cannot conceivably be achieved without a fundamental reappraisal of the role of the State."

The Treasury forecasts that the PSBR will fall to £13.3 billion, and £5.4 billion next year, and then move into surplus.

The IFS backed Mr Brown's claims that the windfall tax would not hit employment, prices or the quality of service in the utility sector. The institute argued that, because the windfall tax is a one-off tax on past performance, it should have little bearing on utility companies' future plans. The burden for individual companies was also of insufficient size to force banks to raise the cost of borrowing to cover any perceived increase in risk.

The IFS also said that the threat of companies taking legal action against the tax had receded. Lucy Chennels, of the IFS, said: "Legal cases seem unlikely now that BT, which probably had the best case, is paying less than expected."

Treasury in talks over savings vehicle

THE Treasury has begun consultation with fund managers, banks and building societies over the new Individual Savings Account (ISA) to be introduced in two years' time (Marianne Curphey writes).

All existing providers of tax-free savings vehicles — the tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) and personal equity plans (Peps) — have been invited to take part in the consultation process.

The Treasury plans to publish a paper in December which will outline the Government's thinking on the new ISA. The financial services industry will then be asked for further comments.

The Government yesterday gave a pledge that it would honour all existing five-year Tessa contracts and said holders of Peps and Tessas would be allowed to switch their accounts into the new ISA.

Many people have been persuaded to pay off loans on their homes by taking out Pep mortgages, and a Treasury spokesman acknowledged that the future of these mortgages if Peps are replaced long term by ISAs is "a problem that will have to be addressed".

A new central computer system will be created to police the ISA and prevent people from taking out numerous Peps and Tessas from different providers, a spokesman said.

Ministers spell out payments and penalties for New Deal

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government yesterday gave first details of the funding available to employers and other organisations taking on young people under the New Deal programme at the centre of the Welfare to Work scheme.

As well as the £60 a week for each young person, plus a £750 lump sum for training, which will be offered to private sector employers giving unemployed youngsters a job, grants of £3,200 per person for six months, or £6,500 for a full year, will be available to environmental and voluntary organisations that take on youngsters under the two other work options.

Further education colleges and training establishments taking on youngsters under the fourth option will have funding of £2,300 per head.

Ministers expect that about 40 per cent of the New Deal option places to be private sector jobs, and Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, said that the Government would now be promoting the scheme with business, following the initial favourable reaction from business leaders.

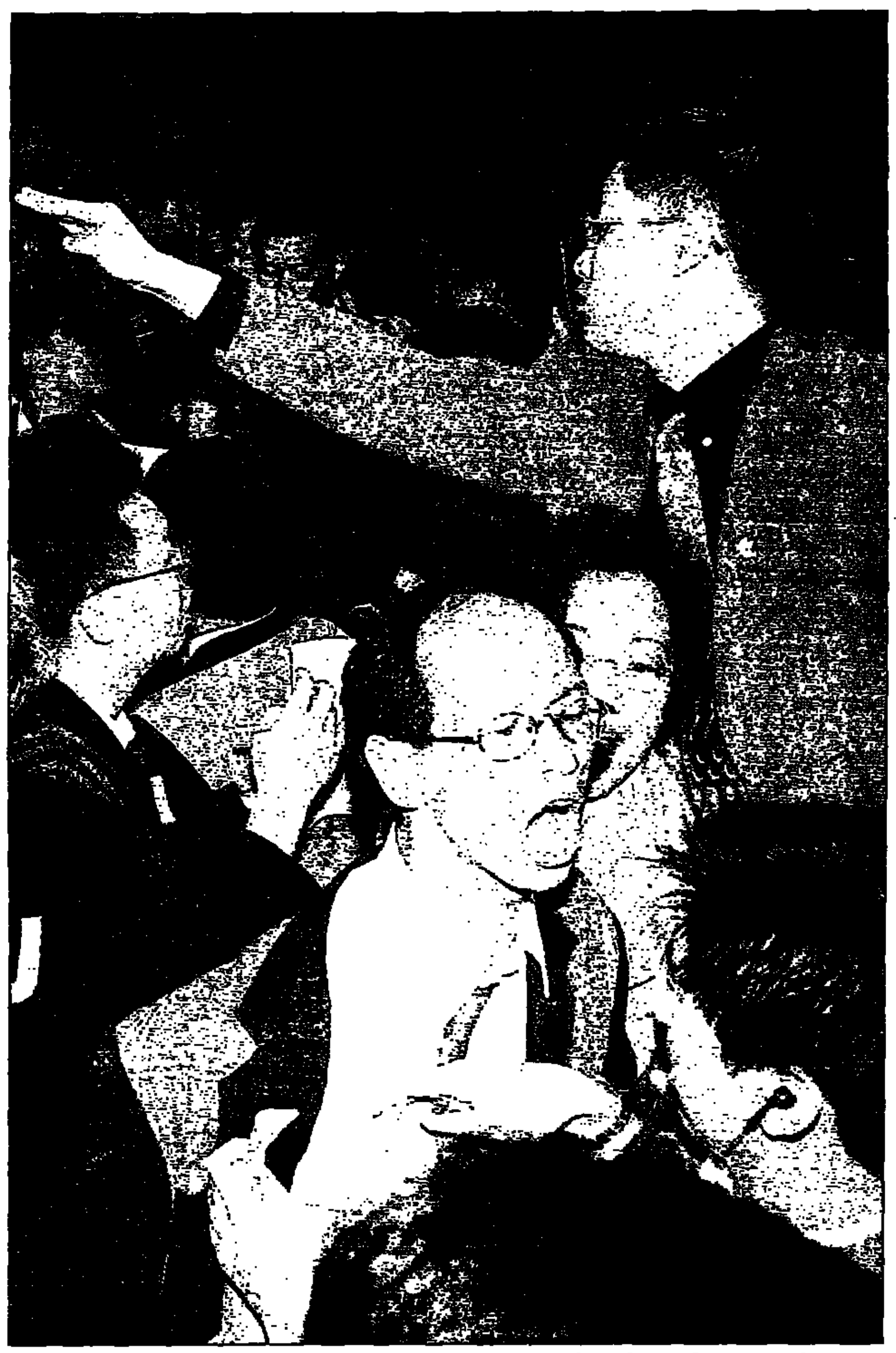
David Blunkett, the Employment and Education Secretary, said that young people aged between 18 and 25 who have been out of work for six months will be approached by the Government's Employment Service, and they will be required to take part in a preliminary "Gateway" programme to establish what skills, if any, each has.

They will then be assigned to one of four options — a job with a private sector employer, work with a voluntary organisation, or with the Government's planned environmental task force, or full-time education and training.

If youngsters then refuse, without good cause, a place under one of the options, they will lose their current jobseeker's allowance benefit payment, initially for a fortnight.

If they refuse to take up one of the options again, they will lose their jobseeker's allowance payment for a month. They will then be asked each month whether they will take up an option place, and if they refuse, their jobseeker's allowance payment will be withheld.

Weekly jobseeker's allowance payments for young people in this age group at the moment are £38.90 for a single person, rising to £77.15 for a couple and £93.80 for a couple with one child under the age of 11.



The first trading session after handover starts at the Hong Kong futures exchange

Business as usual for HK traders

FROM A CORRESPONDENT
IN HONG KONG

IT WAS business as usual when the Hong Kong stock exchange reopened yesterday after a three-day China handover break.

A lone Chinese flag on one trader's work station and a complete absence of Union Flags were the only clue that things were not as they were last Friday when the exchange was last open. There was no speech, no ceremony, no cheer; just the routine opening bell when the clock ticked to 10am to announce that Hong Kong's favourite pastime, making and losing money, could resume.

With financiers around the world watching closely to see how Hong Kong would fare under the one country, two systems formula for reunification, the exchange sent a mixed message. The Hang Seng index, which closed at a high last week as the curtain fell on British rule, rose more than 1 per cent at the start of trading. But then it succumbed to profit-taking and closed down 141.05 at 15,055.74.

Edwin Cheung, a senior sales manager at Taiwan Securities, said: "Handover fever is coming to an end and investors are taking a break in the short run before taking new positions."

Hong Kong's economy has risen almost 6 per cent a year over the past decade and nearly all economists expect the rise to continue, with the switch to Chinese rule not, in the words of the trade, "a market factor".

Battle for Lloyd's post to rumble on

BY ADAM JONES

THE nomination of Max Taylor as chairman of Lloyd's of London could face an unprecedented challenge at the society's elections in the autumn.

The Council of Lloyd's chose the Willis Corroon broker to replace Sir David Rowland on Wednesday. The decision has angered some providers of corporate capital who were backing Jonathan Agnew, chairman of the largest investment vehicle at Lloyd's.

Mr Taylor has to be elected to the Council of Lloyd's in the autumn before he can take up the post. Mr Agnew is already a member of the society's ruling body, but the possibility of a "stalking horse" being put up against Mr Taylor was being floated yesterday.

Although Mr Agnew was thought to be favourite for the post, Mr Taylor was seen by many as the more charismatic candidate. His broking background sits more easily with the drive to become more customer-focused. One senior Lloyd's figure said: "At last somebody might be thinking of the customers."

Another vocal supporter of traditional names claimed corporate capital would not have enough voting influence to upset the nomination.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Group 2000 threat to Sunday paper

URGENT talks were taking place last night to try to ensure the publication of this week's edition of *Sunday Business*, the national newspaper, after the collapse of Group 2000, which owns a controlling stake in the title. Edward Klempka, a partner at Coopers & Lybrand in Leeds, was appointed receiver to Group 2000 earlier this week. He said that the company, which was founded by Gordon Brown, a Leeds businessman, had a multimillion-pound deficit and owed the Government more than £1 million in unpaid National Insurance and tax.

The newspaper was launched in April 1996 by a team led by Tom Rubython, its first editor. Group 2000 bought control of *Sunday Business* after the original companies formed to run the title were placed in administration last summer. Among the investors now backing *Sunday Business* are Luke Johnson, the entrepreneur behind the expansion of Pizza Express.

Railtrack targets sought

RAILTRACK came under fresh pressure to set new investment targets as it announced results showing reduced delays to passenger services — a 30 per cent reduction in "minutes delays" due to maintenance and renewal. The rail regulator reacted by insisting that the next set of statistics must be published against a background of clearly defined objectives. Although Railtrack has pledged to spend £16 billion to improve services over the next ten years, John Swift, the regulator, has demanded a more specific timetable of investments.

Haskins heads task force

CHRISTOPHER HASKINS, a long-time Labour supporter and chairman of Northern Foods, is to head the Government's Task Force on Better Regulation, the successor body to the Conservatives' Deregulation Unit. The task force will soon appoint a panel of 12 to 15 members who will look at regulation in Government departments, corporate governance, the environment and the regulatory powers of local government. There is no connection with the DTI inquiry into utilities regulation.

Break for Leeds

BREAK FOR THE BORDER, the themed restaurant and event catering group based in London, has secured a site in Leeds as part of a plan to expand in major towns throughout the United Kingdom. The new Break for the Border outlet is scheduled to open next year. The news came as the company announced pre-tax profits up from £1.1 million to £1.8 million in the year to March 31, on turnover up by almost a third to £24.7 million. A final dividend of 1.2p, due on 25 September, makes a total of 1.8p for the year.

S&N buys Thistle Inns

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE, which on Monday unveiled a 21 per cent rise in annual profits, has acquired Thistle Inns, a 17-strong chain of pubs located in Scotland. Industry sources estimated the likely sale price at around £20 million, reflecting the quality of the estate. The deal includes some of Edinburgh's best-known pubs, including the Jekyll & Hyde in Hanover Street and the Malt Shovel in Cockburn Street, as well as the Links Hotel in St Andrews. S&N's retail division now totals 247 pubs in Scotland.

Talks boost Borthwicks

SHARES in Borthwicks, the food group, rose 10p to 38p yesterday after the group revealed that a number of companies had expressed an interest in it and that it was in talks that could lead to an offer for the company. At yesterday's share price Borthwicks is valued at £22 million. In the year to March 31 it had sales of £32 million and made a pre-tax profit of £1.465 million. The company said trading in the first quarter of this year had been satisfactory and was comfortably ahead of the same quarter last year.

One-2-One expands

ONE-2-ONE, the smallest of the four mobile phone groups, said it added 80,000 new customers in the second quarter, more than Vodafone and Cellnet, the two largest operators, but behind Orange, the industry's newest player. One-2-One — half owned by Cable & Wireless — now has 700,000 customers, raising its market share to 9.5 per cent (7.2 per cent). Orange gained 86,000 customers in the quarter, compared to Cellnet's 74,000 and Vodafone's 53,000. One-2-One attributes the increase to its growing network and the recent cuts in some tariffs.

Bell Lines rescue fails

BELL LINES, the freight company based in the Irish Republic, is to be wound up with the loss of 600 jobs after the failure of a court-appointed examiner to secure agreement on a rescue package. Bell is believed to have debts of more than Ir£25 million. It currently employs 140 people in the Irish Republic, 200 in Britain and 260 in The Netherlands and France. It is feared that several small British and Irish haulage companies, thought to be owed £17 million by Bell, will be forced out of business.

Eurotunnel appeal

ADACTE, an organisation in Paris that represents small shareholders in Eurotunnel, has appealed to a French court against a ruling that the banks would not have to make a bid for the company, which operates the Channel Tunnel, if the £4.4 billion refinancing goes through at next week's shareholders' meeting. The deal would give the company's bankers 45.5 per cent of Eurotunnel's equity, but, under French law, they would not be able to vote these shares on any matter that affected the value of the company's debts.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.16
Austria Sch	21.59	20.04
Belgium Fr	63.59	58.94
Canada $	2.424	2.248
Cyprus Cyp£	0.907	0.840
Denmark Kr	11.73	10.90
Finland Mkk	9.25	8.55
France Fr	10.32	9.60
Germany Dm	3.09	2.86
Greece Dr	488	451
Hong Kong $	13.74	12.81
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.07
Israel Shk	6.19	5.54
Italy Lira	3026	2804
Japan Yen	205.20	188.70
Malta	0.680	0.623
Netherlds Gld	3.485	3.208
New Zealand $	2.63	2.40
Norway Kr	12.81	11.93
Portugal Esc	308.00	287.00
S Africa Rd	8.29	7.37
Spain Pta	258.50	241.00
Sweden Kr	13.72	12.69
Switzerland Fr	2.60	2.40
Turkey Lira	260363	241803
USA $	1.778	1.644

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AGM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual General Meeting of The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help will be held in Glaziers Hall, London Bridge, London SE1 on WEdnesday 16 July 1997 at 2.45pm.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: Henry Ernest Leverett in connection with the Leonard Cheshire Foundation.

Scheme for the regulation of the Charity.

Reference: DN-B-50894/1-CD(Ldn).

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Lloyds Private Banking Limited, Regional Estates and Tax Office, The Clock House, 22/26 Ock Street, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 5SW or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: Henry Smith (Estate Charities) 230102

Scheme authorising the purchase of insurance for the Trustees.

Reference: AJB/40014/CD(Ldn)

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme of this Charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at the offices of Harbottle Associates, 2 Kentish Buildings, 125 Borough High Street, London SE1 1NP or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: Sadler's Wells Foundation

Scheme including variation of the Governors' terms of office

Reference: ALB-65938-CD(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at 369 St. John Street, London EC1V 4NX or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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No. 003030 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF BIOCOMPATIBLES INTERNATIONAL PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 18 June 1997 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company amounting to £57,114,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 16th day of July 1997.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 1st day of July 1997
LINKLATERS & PAINES(DTL)
Barrington House,
59-67 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7JA
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

No. 002699 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF WICKES HOLDINGS LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 25 June 1997 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £86,000,000 to £17,645,507 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the said company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30 June 1997

Dated the 1st day of July 1997.
LINKLATERS & PAINES (DTL)
Barrington House
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No. 002700 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF WICKES BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 25 June 1997 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £115,000,000 to £10,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the said company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30 June 1997

Dated the 1st day of July 1997.
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No. 002701 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF WICKES PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 25 June 1997 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £137,500,000 to £61,855,380 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the said company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27 June 1997.

Dated the 1st day of July 1997.
LINKLATERS & PAINES (DTL)
Barrington House
59-67 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7JA
Solicitors for the above-named Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
RADIO COMPONENTS (LEIGHTON BUZZARD) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, K P Barry, FCA, of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 1st July 1997.

Dated 1st July 1997
K P BARRY, Liquidator

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS The Insolvency Act 1986, in the matter of Spannit Roofing Limited. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 1.00pm on 11 July 1997 at The Ship Thistle Hotel, Monument Green, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8BQ, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. The list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge from Buchler Phillips Traynor, 1 Winckley Court, Chapel Street, Preston, PR1 8BU, between 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days immediately prior to the day of the meeting. Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account (proof of debt) and (unless attending in person) a proxy at the offices of Buchler Phillips Traynor, 1 Winckley Court, Chapel Street, Preston, PR1 8BU, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day immediately prior to the meeting. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting. Date 27 June 1997. By order of the Board, P. Conboy, Director.

Notice is hereby given that St Edward's School, Oxford, has made an application to the Secretary of State for Education and Employment for an Order under Section 78 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 to modify the School's Memorandum of Association.

The objects of the company currently restrict entry of girls to a comparatively small number whose admission is confined to particular courses of instruction. The proposed modification will remove the restrictions on girls' entry, bring them into line with boys' entry thus enabling the school to become fully co-educational. The effective date of the proposal is for entry in the academic year 1997/8 and thereafter.

The draft of the Order and a copy of the regulating Memorandum and New Articles of Association may be inspected at The Bursary, St Edward's School, Woodstock Road, Oxford, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday inclusive.

Representations to the Secretary of State may be made in writing within one calendar month from the date of this Notice and should be sent: Legal Branch, Department for Education and Employment, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NF.

CENTRAL HISPANO BANK (UK) LTD
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 1108417

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: On 27 June 1997 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of P O Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman, P O Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 27 July 1997.

The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 27 August 1997 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 27 July 1997 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.

Dated 1st JULY 1997
M. FISHMAN, LIQUIDATOR

The Insolvency Act 1986
A.G. AND D. LIMITED
TRADING NAME "LAMP LIGHTS"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 18th July 1997 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 26th day of June 1997
By Order of the Board
A. Dalton, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NICHE EVENTS PLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above company are required, on or before 15th August 1997, to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to me Michael Colin John Sanders of 1 & 2 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, LONDON WC1R 5BZ and if so required by notice in writing from me, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 23rd June 1997
Michael Colin John Sanders, LIQUIDATOR

N.B. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been paid or should be paid in full.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND
NOTICE OF LOCAL INQUIRY

NOTICE is given today, 4 July 1997, that a local inquiry is to be held by the Boundary Commission for England into their provisional recommendations, made under the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 (as amended), for the European Parliamentary constituencies listed below. The inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Mr Colin Reese QC and has been arranged to replace that originally scheduled to take place in Taunton on 24 June 1997 and Southampton on 2 July 1997. The Commission wish to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the original inquiry.

The inquiry will open on **MONDAY 21 JULY 1997 at 10.30am in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHIRE HALL, TAUNTON** to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Bristol (No.46), Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Somerset and North Devon (No.53), Cornwall and West Plymouth (No.59), Devon and East Plymouth (No.60) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs. Please note that the representations relating to the County of Cornwall will be the first issue to be considered on the first day of this part of the inquiry.

The inquiry will continue on **MONDAY 28 JULY 1997 at 10.30am in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON** to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Hampshire North and Oxford (No.48), Itchen, Test and Avon (No.54), Wight and Hampshire South (No.55), South Downs West (No.56) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs.

Interested parties who wish to make representations concerning the **Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61)** EPCs are advised to attend both venues.

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Learn to love a strong currency

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Never before has a Chancellor produced a Budget to meet with such a surge of approval from the markets. Investors clambered aboard the biggest ever post-Budget day rally and sterling soared, as sober reflection and the inevitable carping failed to quell enthusiasm for Mr Brown's efforts.

The irony is that the powering pound is as distasteful to the Chancellor as it is to those manufacturers that strive to compete internationally, but while other currencies look so unstable, sterling will continue to win friends.

Exporters have little choice but to learn to live with a strong pound, and those pressure groups that purport to represent them would be better employed advising on how this can be done than on calling on the Government for measures to make the British economy look less attractive.

For some companies — British Steel lumbers into mind — the challenge is undeniably tough. But most of our manufacturing companies have long given up the thankless battle of trying to sell basic products into world markets on price alone.

Clever currency hedging may provide temporary help, but, as some former finance directors can testify, such moves do not always unravel quite as cleverly as they were supposed to do.

The added value of innovation and ingenuity will have to be what wins sales for Britain. The words slip easily off an imported keyboard and are harder to translate into the tough reality of industry, but it can be done.

Pharmaceutical companies know that success depends on finding not just one but a series of new products that the world wants to buy. Zantac alone would not have guaranteed Glaxo Wellcome a future, for when the patent comes off, generic competitors can fight on the dangerous ground of price.

Courtaulds would be heading for disaster if it relied on viscose coming back into fashion. Instead, it has invested hugely in developing Tencel, a fabric for which international markets are, apparently, acquiring something of a fetish, allowing the company to charge a price as smoothly comforting as the silky fabric itself.

For every such success, there are numerous embarrassing failures. British companies have to risk those failures and experiment more. That may mean risking the wrath of the short-term investors in favour of the long-term health of the company. But just think, if companies had been daring to look beyond the next set of results, would so many now be facing horrendous *bills for coping with the dawning* of the year 2000?

The pound in your pension fund

Whatever he did for the markets, Mr Brown failed to perform a good PR job for pensions.

Back in 1967, Harold Wilson notoriously assured television viewers, in a prime ministerial broadcast, that the devaluation of sterling did *not* mean that the "pound in your pocket or purse" had been devalued. He was not lying, though he was being economical with the truth.

Yesterday, Mr Brown told savers that "there is no need for anyone's pension to be affected" by ending relief from dividend tax and tax credits on dividends. Any idea that people would have *to increase contributions to compensate* is, the Chancellor insisted, "nonsense". Mr Brown was probably not lying either, but if not, he is plainly more of an optimist than we thought.

Perhaps he does not realise how suspicious ordinary people have become about private pensions. After the Maxwell affair and the worrying publicity over mis-selling of personal pension plans in the early 1990s, people were already unsure whether it was wise to salt money away for so long on promises that might not be fulfilled. And those most unsure are those of modest means for whom any pension contribution requires sacrifices in current consumption. They now have more to be anxious about.

The Chancellor plainly thinks that all pension funds are traditional occupational schemes in which an employer guarantees to *finance pensions proportional to* retiring employees' pay. His advisers, who know all about economic models but little about the realities of business life, told him these funds could afford a hit because their investment funds were rolling in surpluses.

There are such schemes. There are others where employers will meet their guarantee by contributing more. But 12 million people will depend on pensions that reflect only the returns on their investments: rising dividends and the rising asset values these justify. Part of their return will now go to the Treasury. So their pensions will be lower unless they put in more money each month. And there will shortly be more of them. Yesterday, another big company closed its final salary scheme and shifted future employees into a money-purchase arrangement. Many more will now follow.

A chance to pool resources

Now that he has failed to sell Littlewoods stores and had his efforts to buy Freemans put on hold by the Monopolies Commission, perhaps James Ross will turn his restructuring energies towards the pools side of the business.

The pools currently feature in his definition of what is core to the Liverpool-based organisation. The stores, although he is now hanging onto them, are, apparently, not core, a status which must do wonders for morale within the business.

Morale can hardly be in top form over at the pools operation either. There had been hopes up on Merseyside that the Budget might have included the odd nugget of compensation for the way the business has been decimated by the National Lottery, but, as lottery players rather than operators know only too well, there was no such luck.

Littlewoods, like its rival Vernons, part of the Ladbroke Group, has seen its turnover cut by more than 60 per cent since the advent of the Lottery. It would make sense for the two to seek salvation together rather than to go on competing. Given the monopoly position of the National Lottery, it might be hard for Mrs Beckett to veto a merger as being anti-competitive. The two have sniffed around each other in the past. With both struggling, this might be the deal that the unfortunate *Mr Ross could bring to fruition.*

Rank bad news

THE consensus is that the consumer boom survived the Budget intact and retailers are looking forward to a bumper July, as the sales draw in customers. But, judging by the Rank share price, at a low for the year, investors do not expect the spending to benefit the leisure group. He has sorted out the long-awaited Xerox deal but Andrew Teare, chief executive, has yet to convince the market that he knows what to do with what he has left.

BAA offers $674m for duty-free firm

By Carl Mortished

BAA has launched a $674 million tender offer for Duty Free International, a quoted American tax-free retailer.

The $24-per-share offer, worth £406 million, is recommended by DFI's board and will double the size of BAA's duty-free operation, creating the world's second-largest duty-free retailer, with sales exceeding $1 billion. DFS will remain the world's biggest duty-free retailer.

Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, said that development of its World Duty Free business was part of its strategy of becoming the most successful airport company, but he added: "There is a defensive quality to this. It will enable us to preserve our margins if we lose duty-free in Europe."

The European Union intends to abolish duty-free sales by 1999 for intra-EU travel. Sir John said that BAA was lobbying to keep the tax concession and he noted that duty-free sales to international travellers were a huge earner for luxury goods manufacturers in Italy, France and the UK. "I believe it will go right to the wire, it is a very popular thing," he said.

BAA shares rose 28p, to 600p, on news of the bid and relief that BAA had not suffered badly from the windfall tax announced on Wednesday. Sir John said the company expected the bill to be between £70 million and £95 million.

DFI operates 175 stores in the United States, with outlets in 14 international airports, including JFK and La Guardia in New York, as well as Chicago, Boston and Denver. More than half of DFI profits come from shops on the Mexican and Canadian borders and the company also runs in-flight duty-free shopping for several US airlines, including Delta, United and Continental.

DFI made pre-tax profits of $34 million last year, on sales of $570 million. Sir John said that cost savings would be possible from combining the purchasing strength of both operations, pointing out that 1 per cent of the combined turnover could mean $10 million to the bottom line. However, he emphasised that BAA intended to grow the DFI business by gaining access to other US airports and extending the in-flight and border-crossing operations to Europe.

BAA intends to pay for DFI from existing resources and said that it did not expect the deal to cause any material dilution of earnings. Gearing is expected to rise to 60 per cent after the takeover and payment of the windfall tax.

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Mackie investors back rights issue by new regime

By Oliver August

MACKIE International, the troubled Belfast engineering company, yesterday persuaded shareholders to back its £5.25 million rights issue, despite calls for a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the group.

Paul Dougan, executive chairman, and Shaun Harte, finance director, resigned from the company last month when it announced that the 1996 annual results had to be clarified. They orginally showed pre-tax profits falling from £3.3 million to a pre-tax loss of £400,000, but now this loss has been deepened to £7.2 million.

Most of the extra losses have come from provisions covering Mackie's investment in and contracts with Uniware, a Belgian company. *Many of the* deals booked with Uniware have not materialised.

Shareholders are angry about what had been said by Mackie in the past regarding Uniware and that the prospectus issued when the company floated in 1994 did not detail Mr Harte's previous role as a director of the DeLorean Motor Company, which controversially collapsed in the late-1970s.

Sul Sahota, the new chief executive, said: "The rights issue is designed to put Mackie on a sound financial footing. I am pleased that shareholders have supported the board's proposals to secure the future of the company."

Shareholders have now thrown their weight behind the new management plans which should see Mackie shares relisted today.

Brian Philips, chairman of *the Mackie works committee,* said: "We are in full support of the direction of the company under the new management."

B&W $30m share of settlement

By Jason Nissé

BROWN & WILLIAMSON, the US tobacco arm of BAT Industries, is to pay $30 million this month as part of the settlement of a legal action brought against cigarette makers by the state of Mississippi.

The payment is B&W's share of the $170 million deal to settle actions brought by the state, which wants contributions to its bills under Medicaid, the US medical help system. This payment has to be made by July 15 and will be followed by further payments starting next year.

However a spokesman for BAT said that it was expected that the deal would be taken account of in the $368 billion global settlement of all US state tobacco claims *which was agreed with the* Clinton Administration last month.

Prism Rail aims to start payouts as revenue rises

By Eric Reguly

PRISM RAIL, one of the largest of the newly privatised train companies, is growing at 9 per cent so far this year and plans to pay its first dividend in December.

The company, whose services include the South Wales and West Railway and the London Tilbury Southend line, said that revenue growth has been strong because of promotions and innovations. For example, the TLS service, known as the "misery line" for years, has put security guards on trains, which has brought the double benefit of increasing safety and reducing the number of fare dodgers.

Prism's passenger revenue grew by 7.5 per cent last year. *Growth has since accelerated* to 9 per cent.

For the 14 months to March 31, the company reported a pre-tax loss after exceptional items of £5.5 million. Before exceptional items, including a £10.2 million cost to improve efficiencies and pay for redundancies in its four train-operating companies, the pretax profit was £6.9 million. Prism has shed about 300 ofits 3,900 staff.

Bob Holmes, finance director, said that a capital reconstruction will allow the company to pay a debut dividend from profits earned since April. Without the reconstruction, dividends from the train-operating companies would have to be devoted to deficit reduction in the parent company.

The shares, which have been listed on the Alternative Invest*ment Market for 14 months,* rose by 18½p, to 298½p.

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RHONE-POULENC INFORMS ITS SHAREHOLDERS

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- *Combine the chemicals and fibers & polymers businesses of Rhône-Poulenc to create a new company which would be listed in 1998, if market conditions permit. Rhône-Poulenc would retain substantial majority control of the new company.*

Combining the chemicals and fibers and polymers businesses into a new company would increase technological, industrial and commercial synergies.

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Jean-René Fourtou
Chairman and Chief Executive

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- The Group would have only one publicly-listed life sciences company, Rhône-Poulenc.
- The net debt-to-equity ratio would be brought down to 60% by the end of 1998 and to 50% by the end of 1999 as a result of:
  - the improvement in operating cash flow;
  - the increase in equity;
  - the capital raised by listing the new company;
  - the divestiture of non-strategic assets.
- Rhône-Poulenc's objective remains to increase its earnings per share by 20% in 1997 and 1998, despite a slight dilution in the first two years and excluding exceptional items.
- The Group expects to maintain the 1997 dividend per share at a level at least equal to 1996.

If Rhône-Poulenc's Board of Directors decides to proceed with all or some of these initiatives, appropriate corporate approvals will be requested and required procedures with employee representatives will be observed.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares surge to biggest post-Budget increases

FOREIGN and domestic investors gave the thumbs-up to Gordon Brown's maiden performance as Chancellor and share prices celebrated with their biggest post-Budget gains yet.

They took the view that the bad news and uncertainty overshadowing the market in the run-up to the Budget is now out of the way and took the market by storm. Share prices surged to yet another all-time high.

The FTSE 100 index confounded the experts by staging a 174.S turnround to end the session 80.3 up at 4,831.7, supported by an opening 100-point rise in New York. That stretches its rise of the past three days to 227.1, or 4.9 per cent. To put matters in context, the FTSE 250 was just 3.9 higher at 4,475.2.

By the close of business 1.3 billion shares had changed hands. The market's volatility was compounded by reports of a massive bear squeeze that wrong footed several of the big security houses.

American investors led the charge, seeking out the high-yielding utilities and domestic companies with strong earnings growth such as the supermarkets, banks and oil explorers. Those feeling the cold were manufacturers and overseas exporters hit by the strong pound.

One of the worst hit was **ICI**, down 35½p at 813p with a number of brokers considering a move to downgrade their profit forecasts. BZW was reckoned to be thinking of lopping £30 million from its £395 million forecast.

Other companies exposed to the strong pound included **TI Group**, down 32½p to 479½p, **GKN**, 49½p to 959p, **Hanson**, 13½p to 293½p, **Smiths Industries**, 25½p to 750½p, and **Siebe**, 31½ to 994½p.

Then, there are those companies undermined by the pound's surge to new highs against the mark. **British Steel** fell 9p to 141¼p. **RMC Group**, down 37p at 934p, also has extensive interests in Germany as does **Redland**, 18½p off at 318p. **LucasVarity** saw its price fall 5½p to 202½p.

The electricity companies were wanted for their dividend growth potential. **National Power** surged 35½p to 569½p, **PowerGen** 41½p to 771p, **ScottishPower** 27½p to 424½p, **Scottish Hydro** 16p to 447p, **National Grid** 16½p to 250p and **Northern Ireland Electricity** 11¼p to 430p, while takeover favourite **Southern Electric** put on 25p at 461½p.

Water companies with strong dividend cover were also chased higher. **Anglian Water** rose 15p to 724p, **Severn Trent** 21p to 860p, **South West Water** 25p to 776p, **Thames Water** 26p to 766p, **United Utilities** 33½p to 722½p, **Yorkshire** 25½p to 436½p and **Wessex** 20½p to 452½p. The exception was **Hyder**, down 14½p at 809p.

Utilities to rise included **BT**, 22p to 479½p. Its share of the £4.8 billion windfall bid was £504 million.

The speculators remain convinced that a major takeover is in the offing among the banks, prompying more gains. **NatWest** rose 29½p to 889p with a few hopes still alive that it may merge with **Abbey National**, up 35½p at 897½p. **LLoyds TSB** was up 29½p at 675½p on claims it might bid for Nationwide Building Society. There were further gains for **Barclays**, 26½p to £12.39, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 19p to 607½p, and **Standard Chartered**, 34½p to 985½p.

Midland Independent Newspapers firmed 1p to 188½p. **Mirror Group**, up 2½p at 186p, is poised to offer 200p a share-plus.

Pilkington fell 8p to 127½p despite the news that Paolo Scaroni, the new chief executive, has spent almost £3 million buying 2.2 million shares at 129p.

GEC stood out with a rise of 26p at 386p. Brokers expressed surprised at the timing of David Newlands departure as finance director.

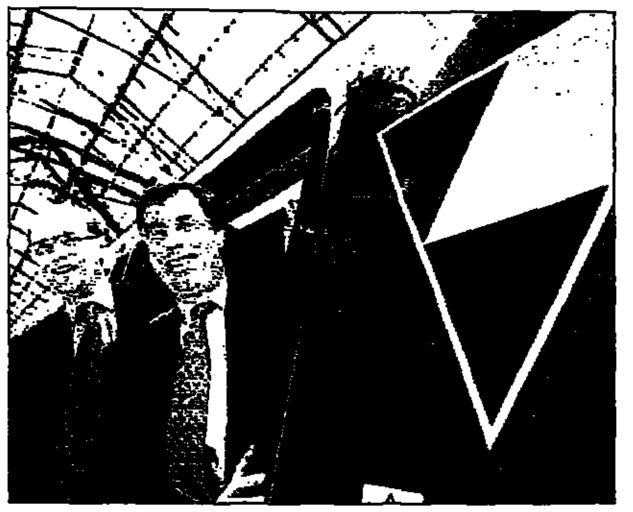
Prism Rail jumped 20p to 300p after producing pre-tax profits of £6.9 million, before exceptionals, for a 14-month period. The group, whose chief executive is Giles Fearnley and finance director Bob Holmes and which operates four rail franchises, including LTS Rail, West Anglia Great Northern, Cardiff Railways and South Wales and South West, was pleased with progress. Godfrey Burley, chairman, said passenger revenues had grown 9 per cent during the first 12 weeks of the current year.

Speculative buying lifted **Biocompatibles International** 44p higher to £13.85.

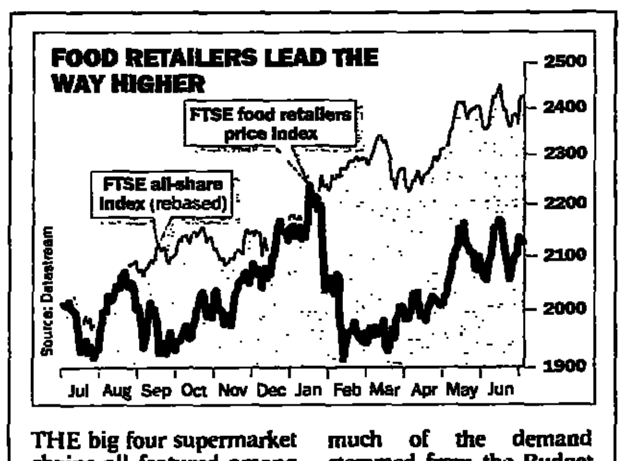
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: There was a marked flattening of the yield curve as the London market regained some of its composure on the back of firmer European bond markets. Prices across the board rallied from early lows but remained well down on Wednesday's closing levels.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished £⁵⁄₁₆ down on the day at £114¹⁵⁄₃₂ after touching £113¾ earlier in the session. By the close a total of 135,000 contracts had been completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 ended ¹⁵⁄₃₂ down at £102¹⁷⁄₃₂, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished ¹⁄₁₆ up at £110¹⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street moved sharply higher in a session shortened by the run-up to the Independence Day holiday. The Dow Jones industrial average, which stopped trading at 1pm local time, was up 100.43 points at 7,895.81.



Giles Fearnley, left, and Bob Holmes saw Prism Rail rise



THE big four supermarket chains all featured among the biggest 20 movers among the top 100. Tesco led the way with a leap of 32p (8.7 per cent) to 406p with Asda Group rising 9¼p to 136¼p, Safeway 25p to 375½p and J Sainsbury 15½p to 379p.

Brokers said that the shares were being sought by foreign investors for their strong domestic earnings, dividend cover and lack of exposure to currency factors. The size of the gains surprised brokers. Tony MacNeary, of NatWest Securities, said that much of the demand stemmed from the Budget being more consumer friendly than corporate friendly. "There is no great reason for consumers to feel less well off," he said. "We've bred a bunch of happy shoppers. They are going to spend money in the supermarkets."

Looking for value in the sector, Mr MacNeary notes that Asda trades at a marginal discount and Tesco at a small premium, while Safeway continues to offer the best value, with a 20 per cent discount, and Sainsbury has a full market rating.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	7895.81 (+100.43)
S&P Composite	916.91 (+12.88)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	20121.41 (-75.01)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	15055.74 (-141.05)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	897.10 (+18.08)
Sydney:	
AO	2742.9 (-3.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3887.39 (+32.63)
Singapore:	
Straits	1962.40 (-6.51)
Brussels:	
General	14072.10 (+186.43)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2936.98 (+27.53)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1187.60 (+17.80)
London:	
FT 30	3082.0 (+25.4)
FTSE 100	4831.7 (+80.3)
FTSE 250	4475.2 (+3.9)
FTSE 350	2320.9 (+31.7)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2593.64 (+27.72)
FTSE All-Share	2269.36 (+28.94)
FTSE Non Financials	2284.15 (+23.92)
FTSE Fixed Interest	123.86 (-0.27)
FTSE Govt Secs	96.96 (-0.16)
Bargains	58901
SEAQ Volume	1308.9m
US$	1.6840 (+0.0330)
German Mark	2.9451 (+0.0544)
Exchange Index	103.5 (+1.8)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4882
£:SDR	1.1960
RPI	156.9 May (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.3 May (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIT	150½	...
Ashtenne	125½	+ ½
Aston Villa	840	...
Caradon B	98½	...
European Mining	24½	- ½
Grosmont Hldgs	3¼	...
Grosmont Hldgs Wrts	1	...
Heart of Midlothian	110½	...
Highland Timber	124½	...
Integrated As Mgt	125	...
Longbridge Intl	117½	...
Norwich Union (290)	332½	+ 7
Powderject Pharms	200	...
Primesight	140½	...
Reabourne Merlin	110½	...
Royalblue Group	309½	...
SBS Group	112½	...
SGB Group	155½	...
Versalite Group	3½	+ ¼

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benchmark Gp n/p	15¼	+ 7
Century Inns n/p (155)	2	...
Dragon Oil n/p (2)	1½	- ¼
Ex-Lands n/p (175)	¼	...
Millwall Hldgs n/p (1)	¼	...
Waterfall Hldgs n/p	5½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Cattles	337½p (+27p)
Tesco	406½p (+32p)
Railtrack	685p (+53p)
GEC	386p (+26p)
Prism Rail	300p (+20p)
Safeway	375½p (+25p)
Cadbury-Schw	568p (+36p)
Norbain	233p (+14p)
Hambros	244½p (+14p)
Scot & New	685p (+33½p)
Shield Diag	475p (+22½p)
FALLS:	
Diploma	251p (-63½p)
Cookson	189p (-18½p)
Estates Agency	390p (-35p)
BTR	201½p (-13p)
Real Time	245p (-15p)
Oxford Inst	332½p (-20p)
Redland	318p (-18½p)
IMI	312p (-18p)

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TEMPUS

A duty to expand

EUROPE is not the only worry propelling BAA into the US duty-free market. The company yesterday admitted that the loss of duty-free privileges within Europe was a crisis for the business, although Sir John Egan insisted it also presented an opportunity. Duty Free International makes nothing like the colossal margins of BAA's own World Duty Free — the tax take in the UK leaves a much bigger hole for duty-free retailers to exploit. Finding enough new profit to fill the £80 million that BAA earns from European tax-free sales could take some time. However, DFI's profits are growing in leaps and bounds and the US business has yet to penetrate airports at Los Angeles, San Francisco and Miami.

Even at this price, the deal looks sensible. BAA is probably paying some 25 times' DFI's forecast earnings in the current year but the UK company had little choice but to pay a premium for a quoted competitor that instantly puts BAA in the number two slot worldwide and opens up new markets. Border shops have the attraction of lower overheads — airports charge high rents to duty-free operators — and the trend for airlines to shed non-core businesses is an invitation to retailers.

But the real issue here is volume and purchasing muscle. While BAA pushes its way to the forefront of the duty-free market, it has its eye on consolidation in a much larger market. The Guinness GrandMet merger is about the marketing power of huge brand portfolios; tobacco takeovers are also mooted. Those retailers who retain their margins in the face of such combines will be the ones with purchasing power, like BAA.

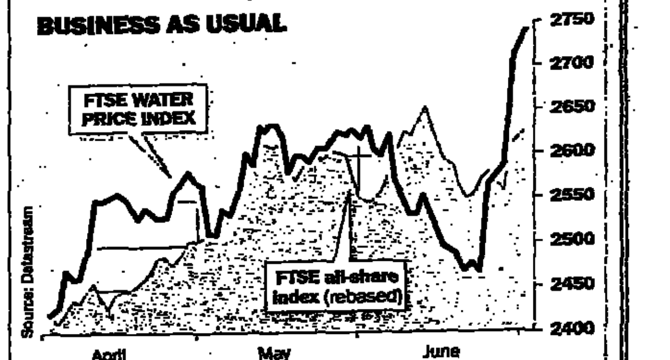
Water

NO MATTER how hard you push them down, the water companies keep bobbing back to the surface like inflatable beach balls.

Only hours after Gordon Brown had finished giving them an almighty thump in his Budget — the valuation seemed almost designed to punish the water utilities — the market has once again given the sector a new lease of life.

In Panglossian mode, the market seems to think that this windfall tax is the best of all possible outcomes; with the levy out of the way, water companies will continue to shed cash as never before. Hopes for aggressive growth in dividends are high along with expectations of a fresh round of share buybacks.

Credit Lyonnais Laing is flagging the strength of the sector, pointing to the removal of uncertainty. The broker believes that balance sheet strength of the sector will permit real average dividend growth of 10 per cent, a level sustainable until the year 2000 when the next price review will come into effect. The Chancellor may have secured £4.8 billion for the public purse but his tax was not harsh enough to flay the utilities. The picture of investors rushing to buy into companies who are all about to part with hundreds of millions may well force the Government to take a tougher line on regulation. Labour made big political play of its intention to curb the excesses of utilities but the City is still laughing.



Lockheed

AS EVER, the Americans are doing deals while the Europeans talk. Lockheed Martin, already the world's biggest defence group, has agreed to merge with rival Northrop Grumman. The deal, which will create a behemoth with annual sales of $37 billion, follows the blockbuster merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas and largely completes the industry consolidation game, in America at least.

In Europe, there is still more talk than action as defence orders continue to shrink. British Aerospace and GEC want to kick-start the merger process, but chauvinism reigns supreme in France and Germany. Northrop Grumman, best known for the $500 million B-2 Stealth bomber, was itself created by the union of Northrop and Grumman in 1994. Until recently, Northrop Grumman was saying it was big enough to go it alone. The spate of recent mergers, however, made the group, as big as it is, look like a niche player in an industry where niche players are doomed.

BAe and GEC cannot wait forever for French and German rivals to come to their senses. Instead they should look westward for partners.

Prism Rail

PRISM RAIL, owner of four train operating companies, including the London Tilbury Southend "misery line", was given few chances of survival. The non-believers said the company, a late arrival on the privatisation platform, paid too much for its networks. Later, Save Our Railways, a lobby group, predicted that three of the four Prism franchises were prime insolvency candidates.

Perhaps the sceptics spoke too soon. Yesterday, Prism revealed that passenger revenues climbed 7.5 per cent in the year to March 31 and have since accelerated to 9 per cent, enough for its franchises to make profits. Cost-cutting, including a continuing redundancy programme that has avoided Stagecoach-style reductions, and clever ideas such as putting security guards on trains, which had the double benefit of boosting safety and scaring off fare dodgers, seems to be doing the trick.

But the challenges remain enormous. Passenger fares are regulated and generally do not rise as fast as the rate of inflation, and government subsidy falls over the life of the franchise licences. Making services faster, more reliable and more comfortable are the keys to success. Labour, which has no love affair with the automobile, may help. Ever increasing petrol taxes, excise duties and parking fees can only make train travel more attractive. Prism may never be the sector's brightest star, but the shares have potential.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1003 SLR	Sep	1005-1100
Sep	1019-1018	Dec	1110-1100
Dec	1043-1042	Mar	1123-1115
Mar	1063-1060	May	1135-1115
May	1077-1075		
Jul	1090-1085	Volume: 18094	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	unq	Mar	1735 SLR
Sep	1785 BID	May	unq
Nov	unq	Jul	—
Jan	1765 SLR	Volume: 2722	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	317.3-16.2
Spot: 323.6		May	317.0-14.2
Aug	319.9-19.3	Aug	315.3-12.2
Oct	316.4-15.9	Oct	309.8-05.0
Dec	316.1-15.0	Volume: 2572	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.43	116.37	97.44
(+/-)	-3.02	-0.95	+2.91
Eng/Wales:	91.43	116.65	96.93
(+/-)	-3.02	+0.79	+3.29
(%)	+33.0	+11.0	-5.0
Scotland:	unq	114.41	100.03
(+/-)	—	+2.11	+1.32
(%)	—	+12.0	-12.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.20	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.20	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.30	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.50	-0.65
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.55	-0.65

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	192 (+1)	94 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	166 (-2)	167 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	82 (+1)	84 (+1)
Naphtha	174 (n/c)	175 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	164.50-64.75	Oct	169.50-69.75
Aug	165.50-65.75	Nov	171.75-72.00
Sep	167.50-67.75	Vol: 14326	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.16-18.17	Oct	n/a
Aug	18.32-18.34	Nov	18.55-18.70
Sep	18.48-18.50	Vol: 36132	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	80.00	Sep	80.00
Sep	82.65	Nov	82.00
Nov	84.65	Jan	84.00
Jan	86.65	Mar	86.00
Mar	88.65	May	87.35
Volume: 578		Volume: 33	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	38.0
Mar	—	59.9
Apr	68.0	69.9
		Volume: 50

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 59.75-60.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 97	1299	1270	1297
Aug 97	1235	1200	1235
Sep 97	1280	1280	1280
Oct 97	1402	1380	1402
Vol: 200 lots		Open Interest: 3002	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2586.0-2587.0	3mth: 2419.0-2420.0	Vol: 1735400
Lead ($/tonne)	627.00-628.00	640.00-641.00	270400
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1480.5-1481.5	1488.0-1489.0	1041500
Tin ($/tonne)	5495.0-5500.0	5539.0-5540.0	20959
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1593.0-1594.0	1615.5-1616.0	1640200
Nickel ($/tonne)	6875.0-6880.0	6980.0-6985.0	157692

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	420	18	37½	43½	4	14	21½
(*434)	460	3½	21	24	26½	35½	43½
ASDA	130	7½	11½	14½	1½	4½	6
(*137)	140	1	6½	9½	4½	9½	11
Boots	750	18½	43½	57½	8	22	31
(*764)	800	3	23½	37½	36½	46	53½
Br Airways	650	35½	54	72½	2	15½	23
(*681½)	700	6½	30½	45	22	37½	45½
BP	750	30½	59	75½	2	18	25½
(*780)	800	8½	31½	47½	19½	40	47½
Br Steel	140	4	10	12½	3	7½	9½
(*141½)	160	0	3	5	18½	20½	22½
C & W	550	40	61½	76	2	15	23
(*587)	600	8	33½	49	21	36	45
CU	650	37	68½	82½	5	35	40½
(*682)	700	7½	43½	57	25	60½	65½
ICI	800	21½	44½	64½	11	30½	36½
(*812½)	850	3	22	41	39½	58½	64
Land Sec	900	31½	58	72	3½	17½	24
(*925)	950	6½	30½	45	27	41	47
M & S	500	15	32½	42	5	14	18
(*510)	550	0½	10½	19	40	43½	46
Nat West	850	49	87½	117	16	51½	69½
(*881)	900	23	66	92½	39	77	94½
Safeway plc	360	17½	31	40½	2	9	14½
(*375½)	390	2	15	25	16½	23	29
Sainsbury	360	20½	33	40	1	8½	13½
(*379)	390	2½	16	24	13½	21½	27
Shell	433	15½	27	36½	5	16½	20½
(*441)	450	5½	18½	28	13½	24½	28½
Smkl Bch	1150	39	84½	114½	12½	42½	60
(*1174½)	1200	13½	59	88	37	66½	83½
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	2000	54	119½	170½	24½	74½	95
(*2027½)	2100	14½	75	125½	81½	127½	146
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	550	24	44½	61	8½	32	39
(*565)	600	4½	23½	39½	38½	61	68
Vodafone	300	9½	23	31½	4½	14	19
(*304)	330	1	10	18½	26	31½	36
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	600	30	47½	54½	17	28½	28
(*614½)	650	11½	26	31	46	55½	55
Ladbroke	240	18½	24	29	3½	9	10½
(*252½)	260	8	14	18½	12½	18½	19½
Utd Bisc	200	13½	18	22½	5	9	10
(*208)	220	5½	9	13½	16	20½	21

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	600	12½	36	45½	7	21	28
(*604)	650	0½	14	23	46	51½	56½
Thames W	750	23	43	52½	17	38½	44½
(*766½)	800	4½	25	32	50½	69	74
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BTR	200	10	14	19½	7½	15	16
(*201½)	220	3	6	12	20½	27	28
Br Aero	1300	53	83	114	32	53½	62½
(*1312½)	1350	29½	57½	87	58½	79	87
Br Telcm	460	27½	35½	40½	12½	18½	23
(*478½)	500	8	17	22	36½	41	45
Cadbury	550	30	42½	54½	7½	17½	22
(*566½)	600	8½	19	30	36	44	48
Guinness	600	35	49	60½	12	23	30½
(*618½)	650	11	25	35½	39½	49	55½
GEC	360	28½	34½	40½	5	11	13½
(*386)	390	9½	18	24½	18½	24	27½
Hanson	280	20½	28½	34½	5	11	14½
(*293½)	300	9½	18½	24	13½	20½	24
LASMO	260	30	29	35½	5	8½	11½
(*274)	280	9½	18½	25½	12½	17½	20½
LucasVarity	200	11	16½	22	6½	10½	12
(*203)	220	3½	8	13½	18½	21½	23½
Pilkingtn	120	11½	—	—	3	—	—
(*127½)	130	6	—	—	7	—	—
Prudential	600	41	59	71½	17½	32	34
(*620)	650	19½	35½	47½	43½	58	59½
Redland	300	24½	36	40	4	11	13
(*318)	330	7½	19½	25	18	25½	27½
R-Royce	220	16	22	27½	6	11½	13
(*227½)	240	7	13	18	16½	22½	23½
Tesco	390	26	34½	44	6	12½	16½
(*407)	420	10	19	28	19½	27	31
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4824½)

	4700	4750	4800	4850	4900	4950
Calls						
Jul	177	137	99½	70½	45½	27
Aug	208	169½	138	109	84½	62½
Sep	246	210½	180	150	124	102
Oct	276	242	211½	181½	154	132
Dec	341	—	276	—	211½	—
Puts						
Jul	22½	33	48½	69½	98	133
Aug	53	66	84½	105½	132½	162½
Sep	73½	88	106	128½	154	183
Oct	81½	98½	119	140½	165½	195½
Dec	107½	—	145	—	186½	—

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Abby Nat	850	51	80½	107	5	34½	47
(*891½)	900	22	54½	81½	23	58½	71
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1200	55	105	144	16	57	79
(*1237½)	1250	29½	79½	119	37½	81½	103
Natl Pwr	550	26	46½	55½	6	17½	23½
(*569½)	600	4	22½	31	33	43½	49
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo Well	1300	31	72½	107½	18	63	73
(*1308)	1350	11½	50	82½	49	90	99½
HSBC	1900	67	137	196½	24	82½	111
(*1938)	2000	20½	89	143½	77	135	161
Reuter	600	26	50	67	9½	20	28
(*620)	650	3½	26½	42½	33	46½	54
Royal & Sun	460	16	38½	47½	6	22	32
(*468½)	500	2	21	29½	32	44½	54
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Blue Circ	420	20½	31	40½	8½	17½	22
(*428½)	460	4½	14	22	33	40	44
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Kingfshr	650	37½	52	66	10	30½	27
(*670½)	700	13	28	41	35½	48½	52
Series		**Jun**			**Jun**		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Dixons	460	37	49	58½	12	18½	24
(*484½)	500	17	30	38½	31½	38½	43½
EMI Group	1100	64½	98½	117	48½	65	76½
(*1122½)	1150	43½	75½	92½	76½	90½	102½
Tarmac	110	12	14½	16½	2	4½	5½
(*118½)	120	6	8½	11½	6	9	10½
Hillsdwn	160	10	—	—	4½	—	—
(*167½)	180	2½	—	—	17½	—	—
Lonrho	130	9	12	14	5	7	9
(*133½)	140	5	8	9½	11	12½	14½
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	260	13½	19½	24	9	12	14½
(*266½)	280	5	11	15½	22½	24	26
Lloyds TSB	650	49	70½	82½	32	37½	49
(*668)	700	28	48	58½	58	64	75
Scot Pwr	390	43	47	51	8½	11½	18
(*426½)	420	23	29	35½	18½	24	28
Unilever	1700	123½	150	180½	17	31	42
(*1786)	1800	60	93	128½	54½	68½	81½

July 3, 1997 Tot: 66631 Calls: 34049 Puts: 31682 FTSE Calls 11564 Puts: 10533
*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest 169264	Sep 97	113-30	114-21	113-24	114-15	135369
	Dec 97				114-02	0
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest 268465	Sep 97	102.07	102.47	101.97	102.42	219551
	Dec 97	101.33	101.50	101.33	101.50	126
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest 101695	Sep 97	135.05	135.60	134.77	135.55	58803
	Dec 97	107.60	107.60	107.60	107.80	300
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	124.75	125.00	124.73	124.98	3143
	Dec 97	124.09	124.34	124.09	124.32620	
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.78	92.85	92.75	92.83	59130
	Dec 97	92.60	92.67	92.56	92.62	83928
Previous open interest 513728	Mar 98	92.48	92.57	92.45	92.54	51978
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest 1469448	Sep 97	96.84	96.85	96.83	96.84	15421
	Dec 97	96.75	96.77	96.74	96.76	32567
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest 334070	Sep 97	93.54	93.55	93.50	93.51	9260
	Dec 97	93.93	93.93	93.88	93.91	8035
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97	99.17	99.17	99.17	99.19	56
	Mar 98	98.98	98.99	98.98	99.00	400
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest 132699	Sep 97	98.39	98.47	98.37	98.47	9813
	Dec 97	98.25	98.32	98.22	98.31	5908
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest 30686	Sep 97	95.84	95.85	95.83	95.84	585
	Dec 97	95.81	95.84	95.80	95.83	400
FTSE 100 Previous open interest 68109	Sep 97	4740.0	4930.0	4700.0	4876.0	24453
	Dec 97				4941.0	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6½ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⁷⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 6⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 6⁷⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7½
Interbank:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7	7-7⅜	7⅝-7½

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⁹⁄₁₆	n/a	6⁷⁄₈	7¼	7⁹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¹³⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7¼	7⅝-7⁹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.53	n/a	5.64	5.72	5.92
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7½

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¾-5⅝	5½-5¼
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅛-2⅞
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1¾-1⅝	1½-¼
Yen:	⅝-½	½-⅜	⅝-½	¾-⅝	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $332.30-332.60 Close: $331.40-331.90 High: $332.30-332.80
Low: $331.40-331.90 AM: $332.30 PM: $332.55

Krugerrand: $331.00-333.00 (£196.00-198.00)

Platinum: $424.00 (£251.90) Silver: $4.64 (£2.745) Palladium: $191.00 (£113.47)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3063-3.3167	3.3134-3.3164	1¼-1pr	3¼-3pr
Brussels	60.580-60.820	60.753-60.806	21-16pr	59-52pr
Copenhagen	11.186-11.224	11.208-11.218	⅝-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr
Dublin	1.0950-1.1073	1.0968-1.1012	81-2pr	25-18pr
Frankfurt	2.9379-2.9467	2.9434-2.9465	⅞-¾pr	2½-2¼pr
Lisbon	296.16-297.26	296.88-297.19	⅝-¼pr	1-¼pr
Madrid	248.17-248.89	248.64-248.87	37-26pr	114-96pr
Milan	2856.8-2870.3	2866.6-2869.2	7-9ds	25-2pr
Montreal	2.3035-2.3167	2.3117-2.3139	0.71-0.66pr	1.43-1.35pr
New York	1.6746-1.6843	1.6833-1.6843	0.178-0.157pr	0.533-0.502pr
Oslo	12.273-12.309	12.273-12.289	⅝-¼pr	1-¼pr
Paris	9.9030-9.9340	9.9247-9.9323	3-2½pr	9¼-8¼pr
Stockholm	12.989-13.058	13.004-13.025	⅝-¼pr	⅝-¼pr
Tokyo	191.05-191.81	191.07-191.33	1¼-1pr	3¼-3pr
Vienna	20.669-20.737	20.710-20.733	⅞-⅝pr	2-1¼pr
Zurich	2.4623-2.4690	2.4660-2.4690	1¼-1pr	3½-3¼pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3267-1.3276
Austria	12.31-12.32
Belgium (Com)	36.09-36.12
Canada	1.3736-1.3741
Denmark	6.6605-6.6635
France	5.8952-5.8962
Germany	1.7490-1.7497
Hong Kong	7.7430-7.7440
Ireland	1.5295-1.5315
Italy	1703.30-1704.80
Japan	113.57-113.67
Malaysia	2.5187-2.5197
Netherlands	1.9691-1.9697
Norway	7.2945-7.3005
Portugal	176.39-176.49
Singapore	1.4315-1.4320
Spain	147.77-147.82
Sweden	7.7144-7.7219
Switzerland	1.4650-1.4660

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6845-1.6872
Australia dollar	2.2329-2.2357
Bahrain dinar	0.6240-0.6370
Brazil real*	1.8131-1.8177
China yuan	13.723-13.023
Cyprus pound	0.8580-0.8680
Finland markka	8.6875-8.8035
Greece drachma	458.75-465.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.0307-13.0401
India rupee	59.43-60.39
Indonesia rupiah	4007.7-4144.9
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5015-0.5115
Malaysia ringgit	4.2387-4.2426
New Zealand dollar	2.4862-2.4902
Pakistan rupee	67.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0326-6.1565
Singapore dollar	2.4091-2.4113
S Africa rand (com)	7.5350-7.6370
U A E dirham	6.0850-6.2090

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	308	Ladbroke	4,500
ASDA Gp	23,900	Land Secs	4,800
Abbey Ntl	4,900	Legal & Gn	4,000
Allnce & Leic	2,300	Lloyds TSB	10,700
Allied Dom	2,300	LucasVarity	12,100
AB Foods	1,200	Marks Spr	17,400
BAA	7,000	Mercury Ast	954
BAT Inds	7,800	NatWst Bk	7,300
BG	12,900	Nat Grid	20,400
BOC	1,000	Nat Power	11,600
BP	8,500	Next	2,400
BSkyB	5,000	Orange	2,400
BTR	22,600	P & O	4,000
BT	55,200	Pearson	2,100
Bk of Scot	6,200	PowerGen	6,900
Barclays	8,100	Prudential	4,700
Bass	4,000	RMC	807
Blue Circle	3,900	Railtrack	8,200
Boots	3,500	Rank Group	7,100
BAe	1,900	Reckitt Col	1,200
BA	10,500	Reed Intl	7,300
British Land	6,700	Rentokil	2,100
Brit Steel	39,500	Reuters	6,500
Burmah Cstl	3,500	Rio Tinto	4,900
Cable Wire	7,100	Rolls Royce	15,100
Cadbury	11,600	Royal & Sun	5,000
Carlton Cms	3,200	Royal Bk Sct	3,900
Centrica	55,100	Safeway	8,000
Cm Union	3,100	Sainsbury	4,300
Dixons	4,000	Schroders	135
EMI	1,300	Scot & New	3,700
Energy Gp	2,600	Scot Power	4,800
Enterpr Oil	3,900	Svrn Trent	2,600
GKN	1,800	Shell Trans	12,300
GRE	1,800	Siebe	9,000
GUS	2,600	SmKl Bch	5,200
Gen Acc	679	Smiths Inds	915
Gen Elec	17,200	Std Chartd	2,900
Glaxo Well	5,900	TI Gp	2,200
Granada	3,800	Tate & Lyle	2,800
Grand Met	3,600	Tesco	11,700
Guinness	3,700	Thames W	2,200
HSBC	3,100	Tomkins	7,500
Halifax	10,500	Unilever	2,300
Hanson	4,300	Utd Utilities	4,400
Hays	2,000	Utd News	2,500
ICI	11,700	Vodafone	18,000
Imp Tob	2,600	Whitbread	1,500
Kingfisher	3,900	Wolseley	607
LASMO	1,500	Zeneca	1,400

WALL STREET

	Jul 3 midday	Jul 2 close
AMP Inc	43½	43⁷⁄₁₆
AMR Corp	96¼	95¼
AT & T	36	36
Abbott Labs	66⅝	66½
Advanced Micro	35⁵⁄₁₆	35⁵⁄₁₆
Aetna Life	105¾	103¾
Ahmanson (HF)	45⁵⁄₁₆	45½
Air Prod & Chem	84⁵⁄₁₆	84½
AirTouch Comm	29⅛	28¾
Albertson's	37⁵⁄₁₆	37⅞
Alcan Alumnm	34⁵⁄₁₆	34¼
Allied Signal	87½	86½
Alum Co of Am	77	78⅛
Amerada Hess	56⅜	56¾
Amer El Power	42¼	42½
Amer Express	82½	76¾
Amer Genl Corp	49⅞	48⁵⁄₁₆
Amer Home Pr	80½	78⁵⁄₁₆
Amer Intl	154¼	151⁵⁄₁₆
Amer Stores	51⅞	51¼
Amer Standard	45⅛	45⁵⁄₁₆
Ameritech	69⅞	68¾
Amgen	59¼	57⅞
Amoco	91⅝	90¾
Andrew Corp	30⅛	28⁵⁄₁₆
Anheuser-Busch	43⁵⁄₁₆	42⁵⁄₁₆
Apple Computer	13⁵⁄₁₆	13⅞
Archer Daniels	23½	23⅞
Armco	4⅛	4
Armstrng Wrld	73⅝	73½
Asarco	31	31⅛
Atl Richfield	73⅛	72⅛
Atmel Corp	27⅛	27
Auto Data Pro	48	47¾
Avery Dennison	41¼	40⅝
Avon Products	75	74⅞
Baker Hughes	41⁵⁄₁₆	41⁵⁄₁₆
Baltim Gas & El	27⅜	27⅛
Banc One	49⅝	49⅝
BankAmerica	68⅝	68¾
Bank of NY	47½	46½
Bankers Tr NY	92½	90¾
Barnett Banks	55⅛	54⅞
Bausch & Lomb	47½	47
Baxter Intl	58⅝	57½
Bectn Dickson	55⅛	53⅞
Bell Atlantic	75⅞	74⅞
BellSouth	47⁵⁄₁₆	47¼
Black & Decker	38¼	39¼
Block (H&R)	32½	33
Boeing	55⅞	54⅞
Boise Cascade	36	36⅛
Boston Scien	64¼	60¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	86⅝	85⅛
Browning Ferris	35⅛	35
Brunswick	31½	31⅛
Burlington Nthn	91½	92½
CMS Energy Corp	35¾	35¾
CPC Intl	95⅛	93⅞
CSX	56⅛	56⅛
Campbell Soup	48⅞	47⅞
Carolina Pwr	36¼	36⅞
Case Corp	65⅝	65
Caterpillar	109⅝	107⅛
Central & SW	22⅛	21¾
Champion Intl	57	56⅛
Chase Manhat	103¾	102¾
Chevron Corp	75½	75⅛
Chrysler	33¾	33¾
Chubb Corp	68⅝	68
Cigna Corp	186⅝	183⅝
Citicorp	129¾	128
Clorox	128½	128⅝
Coastal Corp	56⅝	55⅞
Coca Cola	70⅞	70⅛
Coca Cola Ent	23	22½
Colgate-Palm	66⅝	65⅝
Columbia Gas	69⅝	68½
ColumbiaHCA	40⅛	39⅞
Compaq Comp	108⅝	105¾
Comp Ass Intl	57⅞	55¾
Conagra	65⅞	64¾
Cons Edison	29½	29⅞
Cons Nat Gas	55⅞	55
Cooper Inds	52⅛	52¼
Corestates	56¾	54⅞
Corning Inc	56⅜	55¾
C'wide Credit	32⅛	31¼
Crestar Finl	42⅛	41½
Crown Cork	54⅛	54¼
Dana Corp	38¾	38½
Dayton Hudson	55⅞	55
Deere	56⅛	55⅞
Delta Air Lines	87½	87⅛
Deluxe Corp	35⅛	35½
Digital Equip	36⅞	36⅜
Dillard Dept St	35½	35½
Disney (Walt)	77⅛	76½
Dominion Res	37⅛	36⅛
Donnelley (RR)	37⅞	37⅛
Dover Corp	63½	64½
Dow Chemical	88	87⅞
Dow Jones	41¼	40⅞
Dresser	38⅛	38¼
Duke Power	48⅛	48⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	26¾	26¾
Du Pont	63¾	62¾
Eastman Chem	63⅛	63⅞
Eastman Kodak	78⅝	77¾
Eaton Corp	87½	86½

	Jul 3 midday	Jul 2 close
Edison Intl	25	24¾
Elect Data Sys	42⅛	42½
Emerson Elec	55⅛	54¾
Engelhard Corp	21⅛	21¼
Enron Corp	41⁵⁄₁₆	41¼
Entergy	27⅜	27⅛
Ethyl Corp	9⅛	9½
Exxon	64⅞	63⅞
FMC Corp	80¾	80¾
FPL Group	47	46⅞
Federal Express	59¾	58¼
Fifth Third Banc	87¾	85¾
First Bk Sys	90⅛	88⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	66	64¾
Fluor Corp	54⁵⁄₁₆	55⅛
Ford Motor	40	39¾
Fortune Brands	36⁵⁄₁₆	36¼
Franklin Res	75½	74¼
GTE Corp	45⅞	44¾
Gannett	106	103½
Gap Inc Del	39⅛	39¾
Gen Dynamics	75⅛	74⁵⁄₁₆
Gen Electric	69⅛	67⅞
Gen Mills	68⅛	65⅞
Gen Motors	56⅞	56⅞
Gen Reinsurance	190	188
Gen Signal	46⅛	45⅞
Genuine Parts	35¾	35
Georgia Pac	86⅛	86⅞
Gillette	98⅛	95⅞
Glaxo Wellc ADR	44⅞	43⅞
Goodrich (BF)	43⅝	43⅝
Goodyear Tyre	63⅞	62½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27⅛	26⅞
Halliburton	83⅛	84
Harcourt General	48⅞	48⅞
Heinz (HJ)	45⅛	45½
Hercules	49	49⅞
Hershey Foods	57⅛	56⅞
Hewlett Packard	56⅛	55⅞
Hilton Hotels	27	27⅛
Home Depot	68⅞	67⅛
Homestake Mng	13	13¼
Honeywell	80	79
Household Intl	119⅝	118⅝
Houston Inds	21¼	21⅛
Humana	23	23⅛
ITT Corp	62¾	62¼
Ikon Office	25⅛	25⅛
Illinois Tool	52⅛	52
Illinova	22⅛	22⅛
INCO	29⅝	30⅛
Ingersoll Rand	62½	61⅞
Inland Steel	27⅛	26¾
Intel Corp	144⅞	143
IBM	94⅝	93⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	50⅞	50⅞
Intl Paper	50⅛	50½
James River Va	37⅞	37⅛
Johnsn & Jhnsn	64¼	63⅞
Kellogg	91	87
Kerr-McGee	65	65½
Kimberly-Clark	53½	52½
Kmart	11⅞	12
Knight-Ridder	49⅛	49⅞
Lilly (Eli)	111⅛	109⅞
Limited Inc	20½	20⅛
Lincoln Nat	66⅛	64⅛
Litton	49½	49¼
Liz Claiborne	48⅝	48½
Lockheed Martin	99	104
Louisiana Pac	20⅞	20⅛
MCI Comm	42⅛	40
Manpower Inc	46⅞	46½
Marriott Int	65⅛	64⅞
Marsh & McLnn	74	73¾
Masco Corp	42⅛	41½
May Dept St	48⅞	47⅞
Maytag Corp	26⅛	26¼
McDonalds	48⅞	48⅜
McDonnell D	70⅞	70⅞
McGraw Hill	61⅞	61⅞
Mead Corp	63⅞	63⅜
Medtronic	89⅛	89⅛
Mellon Bk	47½	46¾
Merck Inc	105⅞	104⅞
Merrill Lynch	62⅞	61¼
Microsoft	129⅜	128⅛
Minnesota Mine	101⅞	101
Mobil Corp	71½	71⅛
Monsanto	46⅛	45⅞
Morgan (JP)	110¼	108⅞
Motorola Inc	80⅛	78⅞
Natl Semi	31⅛	30⅞
Natl Service Ind	49⅛	48¾
Navistar Int	18¾	18⅛
NY Times A	53⅛	52¼
Newmont Mng	39⅛	39½
Niag Mohawk	8⅛	8⅛
Nike B	58⅞	57¾
NL Industries	14¾	14½
Noram Energy	15¼	15⅛
Nordstrom	49⅛	48¾
Norfolk Sthn	107⅞	106½
Nthn States Pwr	52⅝	52⅞
Norwest Corp	59⅞	58¾
Nynex Corp	57⅞	57
Occidental Pet	25⅞	25⅞
Ohio Edison	22¼	22⅛
Oracle	49⅛	48¾

	Jul 3 midday	Jul 2 close
Oryx Energy Co	21¼	21⁵⁄₁₆
Owens Corning	43¾	43⅛
PPG Industries	59⅞	58⅞
PMI Group	62⅞	62¾
PNC Bank	44¼	43⅞
PP&L Res	20⅛	20
Paccar Inc	50	48⅞
Pacificorp	22⅛	22⅛
Pac Enterprises	34⅛	33½
Pall Corp	23	23⅛
Parker Hannifin	59⅞	60⅞
Peco Energy	21½	21⅞
Penney (JC)	54¾	53⅞
Pennzoil	73½	74⅛
Pepsico	38⅞	38
Pfizer	63¼	62½
Pharm & Upjhn	37⅛	36
Phelps Dodge	84⅛	85⅛
Philip Morris	45¾	44⅞
Phillips Pet	46	45½
Pitney Bowes	72⅞	73
Polaroid	58⅛	59⅞
Procter & Gmbl	144¾	141⅞
Providian	32⅛	31¼
Pub Serv E & G	25⅛	25½
Quaker Oats	45⅞	45¼
Ralston Purina	84⅛	83⅛
Raychem Corp	74⅞	74¼
Raytheon	53⅛	53
Reebok Intl	47¼	46⅞
Reynolds Metals	70⅞	71½
Rockwell Intl	59⅞	57⅞
Rohm & Haas	88¼	88½
Royal Dutch	57⅞	55⅛
Rubbermaid	30⅛	30⅞
SBC Comms	61¾	60⅞
Safeco Corp	47¼	46¼
St Paul's Cos	80¾	78⅛
Salomon Inc	57¾	56¾
Sara Lee Corp	43⅛	43⅛
Schering Plough	49¾	49⅛
Schlumberger	134⅞	130¾
Seagram	40⅞	40⅞
Sears Roebuck	55	54½
Shell Trans	44¼	43⅛
Sherwin Wllms	32⅛	31¼
Silicon Graphics	16⅞	16⅞
Snap-On-Tools	40⅛	39⅞
Southern Co	22⅛	21⅞
Southtrust	42⅛	41¾
Sprint Corp	52⅛	51⅞
Stanley Works	42⅞	43⅞
Sun Company	32¼	31⅞
Sun Microsys	39¾	37¾
Suntrust	56⅛	56⅛
Supervalu	37⅛	37⅛
Sysco Corp	37¼	37⅛
TRW Inc	99⅛	99⅛
TCC Inds	2¼	2⅛
TIG Hldgs	31¾	31⅞
Tandem Comp	22¼	21¾
Tandy Corp	56⅛	56¾
Temple Inland	57	57⅞
Tenet Healthcare	29¾	29⅛
Tenneco	44¾	44¾
Texaco	111⅞	109⅞
Texas Inst	88	88
Texas Utilities	35¼	35⅞
Textron	69½	67¾
Thermo Elect	33½	33
Time Warner	47⅛	47⅞
Times-Mirror A	59⅛	57⅞
Timken	35⅛	35
Torchmark	73⅞	72¾
Toys R Us	34⅛	34⅛
Transamerica	96⅞	94⅞
Travelers	66¼	66⅞
Tribune	49⅛	49
Tyco Int	75⅛	75⅞
UST Inc	29⅛	28¾
UAL	74⅞	73⅞
US Inds	39¼	37¾
US West Comm	38¾	38¾
US West Media	21⅛	21¾
USAirways Group	36⅛	35⅞
USX Marathon	30¾	30⅛
Unicom	22¼	22⅛
Unilever NY	226⅛	219
Union Camp	51⅞	51⅞
Union Carbide	49⅛	48⅞
Union Pacific	70⅛	70
Unisys Corp	7⅞	7⅞
USF&G Corp	24⅞	24⅞
United Tech	85⅛	84⅞
Unocal Corp	39⅛	39⅛
VF Corp	86¾	85⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	35⅞	34⅞
Warner-Lambert	133⅞	132⅛
Waste Mngmt	33⅛	32⅞
Wells Fargo	270	272⅛
Westinghouse El	24¼	23⅞
Weyerhaeuser	52⅞	52⅞
Whirlpool	54⅞	54⅞
Whitman	25⅞	26
Winn Dixie	37⅛	37⅛
Witco Corp	38⅞	38⅛
Woolworth	25⅛	25⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	69⅞	68¾
Xerox	81	79⅞
Zenith Elect	11¾	11¾

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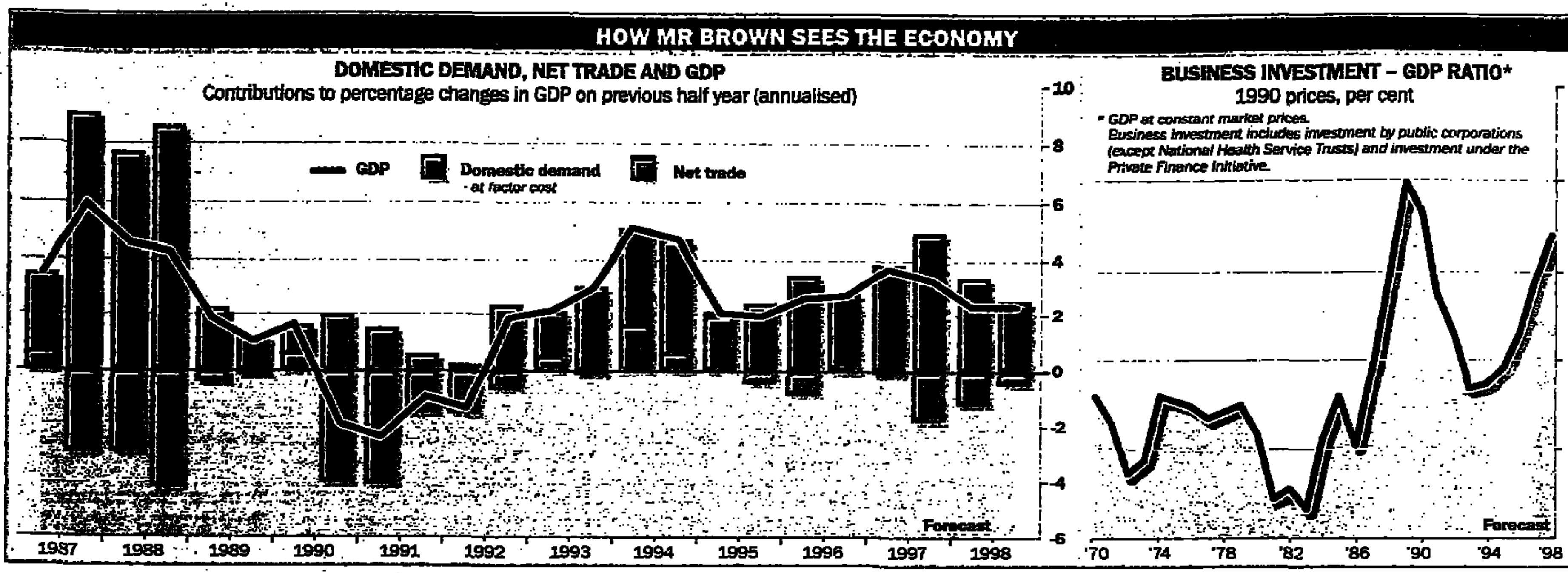
ECONOMIC VIEW **ANATOLE KALETSKY**

Brown boxes clever but perils lie ahead



HOW MR BROWN SEES THE ECONOMY

DOMESTIC DEMAND, NET TRADE AND GDP
Contributions to percentage changes in GDP on previous half year (annualised)

BUSINESS INVESTMENT – GDP RATIO*
1990 prices, per cent

* GDP at constant market prices.
Business investment includes investment by public corporations (except National Health Service Trusts) and investment under the Private Finance Initiative.

One of the oldest clichés in British political reporting is that Budgets that win instant praise lead to certain disaster. If this is the case, then Gordon Brown's effort on Wednesday should be followed by the ten plagues of Egypt. The media, City and voters were equally ecstatic. An instant poll by NOP found the public approved of the Budget by a four-to-one margin. Meanwhile, in the City the hubbub of panic buying by bullish investors completely drowned out the bitter lamentations of actuaries, economists and accountancy purists who were first ignored by Mr Brown and then utterly wrongfooted by the markets.

Should the public jubilation be seen as a bad omen? Yes and no. The bad news is that serious perils certainly do lie ahead for the British economy, particularly for manufacturers and exporters. The dangers can be summed up in one sentence: the pound has now broken its old ERM parity of DM2.95. It will soon, I suspect, head much higher, especially since the Lawson experience of 1987-88 has made it unthinkable that Eddie George, of all people, would try to cap the pound "artificially" below DM3.

This further appreciation of sterling, which almost nobody in the City or industry is prepared for, will trigger large-scale losses and redundancies and inflict serious social hardship across swaths of old Labour's industrial heartland in the Midlands, Scotland and the North. Exporting companies are in for a hard time. In the year ahead they will experience again many of the traumas they suffered during the ERM period and the Howe-Thatcher recession of 1980-81. Having handed power at exactly the wrong time to the Bank of England, Mr Brown must now bear direct responsibility for the exporters' travails.

Rather unattractively Mr Brown is trying to wriggle out of this responsibility. Yesterday, for example, he told a press conference that his Budget would help manufacturing investment and exports, that "nobody can be happy with the 18 per cent rise in the pound" and that his "fiscal rebalancing will help get a stable, competitive pound". This is all humbug and Mr Brown knows it, as demonstrated by the economic forecasts he published with the Budget speech.

The forecasts show that the Treasury expects the policies announced this week to bear down on investment and exports, while leaving consumption almost untouched. Consumer spending is forecast to grow 4.5 per cent this year and 4 per cent in 1998. Meanwhile, export growth is expected to decline sharply while imports accelerate, despite the fact that export markets will accelerate relative to the home market. The net effect, shown in the left-hand chart, is that the deteriorating trade performance will account for almost the whole of the slowdown in activity that the Treasury expects to see in the next 18 months. Mr Brown's passion for manufacturing investment is also belied by the forecasts. Although the Treasury publishes no detailed investment figures, its analysis is admirably blunt: "The high exchange rate is likely to hit profitability, espcially in the traded goods sector, and lead some manufacturers to postpone investment plans." By contrast, investment in non-manufacturing businesses has been growing strongly and should continue to do so, maintaining the relatively high levels of overall business investment achieved in the Tory years (see right-hand chart).

The Treasury forecasts are likely, if anything, to prove overoptimistic about manufacturing and exports, since the pound will probably move higher and will certainly remain high for longer than the Treasury's mechanistic models of exchange markets suggest. This is extremely regrettable and will do grave damage to the Britsih economy. The narrow question to discuss this week, however, is whether the Budget has made matters better or worse.

This is where we get to the good news. The Budget could have greatly exacerbated the squeeze on British industry if the Chancellor had followed conventional City wisdom and raised consumer taxes by £3 billion or even £5 billion. Such a squeeze would not have been remotely powerful enough, or quick enough in its effects, to deter the Bank from raising interest rates and thus bringing down sterling. But higher consumer taxes would have hit demand from 1998 onwards, adding to the pressures on British companies just when their export prospects were being hit by the high pound. The greatest achievement of this Budget therefore was that Mr Brown has spared British industry from the triple whammy of high taxes, high interest rates and a high currency discussed in these columns during the past two months. At the same time the Chancellor announced some modest but sensible reforms to Britain's public finances, above all the abolition of dividend tax credits and the simultaneous reduction of corporation tax.

Since these two key Budget decisions — the absence of any serious attack on consumption and the "raid" on the pension funds — were the features of the Budget most widely condemned in the City, I will devote the rest of this article to trying to explain why I think they were right.

Looking first at the dividend tax credit, two crucial points have been missed. The first point is that the British stock market's preoccupation with dividends is irrational and anomalous. According to figures supplied by Kevin Gardner, of Morgan Stanley, dividend yields in Britain at present average 3.6 per cent. The next highest yield in a Group of Seven country is 2.2 per cent in Italy and France. Thus, even if the dull 20 per cent value of the tax credit were taken straight out of the dividend yields, the London market would still offer by far the highest yields in the world.

The second objection to the pension funds' scaremongering relates to the way that actuaries value pension funds *on the basis of arbitrary* projections of future income streams. As a result all estimates of the solvency or otherwise of British pension funds are pretty misleading. Yesterday, for example, Watson Wyatt, a leading firm of pension consultants stated that "from an actuarial point of view, Brown has wiped £70 billion off the assets of British pension funds". This comment was immediately belied by the surge in equity markets which *added* roughly £10 billion to British pension assets. Presumably investors had anticipated the cost of dividend reform (as well as the windfall tax) and these losses were already built into share prices. This kind of discounting is what capital markets exist for and if actuarial calculations do not reflect this, perhaps someone else should be given the task of valuing pension funds.

Now let us return to whether Mr Brown should have raised consumer taxes. It is perfectly clear from the Budget documents that Mr Brown's claims about a major "fiscal rebalancing to get a stable and competitive pound" are nonsense. Of the £3.4 billion in fiscal tightening this year, only £600 million comes from consumer taxes, with all the rest bearing on companies and pension funds. And although the abolition of dividend tax credits could eventually hit pensioners and employees, the idea that these changes could have any perceptible impact on consumption in the next 12 months is for the birds.

Why then do I reject the City view that Mr Brown should have been tougher with consumers in order to bring down the pound and "rebalance" the economy in favour of exports, in the style of Norman Lamont and Kenneth Clarke in 1993-94? Because the key to their success was the ability to time interest reductions precisely and to make sure the economy was reviving *before* taxes were raised. Mr Brown now has no comparable control. If he had raised consumer taxes in this week's Budget, he would simply have put the economic recovery at greater risk with no assurance that the pound would go down. A tax increase on Wednesday could simply have reinforced confidence in sterling and then crucified British industry through a simultaneous deflation of domestic and export demand. That was what happened in the 1979-81 and 1990-92 recessions. This time, at least, British companies that face hard times in their export markets should be saved from financial disaster by strong domestic demand. Perhaps that was the conclusion that stock market investors arrived at yesterday *when, with some help from* Wall Street, they cocked a snook at the actuaries and economists alike, and toasted Mr Brown with an all-time high.

Random 'ransom notes' tax developers

Adam Jones reports on the deals landed on some companies by planners in exchange for consent

Some developers hope Lord Nolan will tackle the issue

When Marylebone Warwick Balfour (MWB), a London property developer, spent £11 million on land in the elite suburb of Hampstead, social housing was not on the agenda. It wanted to create 63 apartments and one house, with a combined sale value of about £55 million, for the bankers and lawyers whose bonuses and salary rises are driving the capital's property boom.

Under pressure from Camden Borough Council, MWB has since had to give up a £750,000 slice of the site to a local housing association as a condition of planning consent. It will be used for affordable homes in a suburb where two-bed flats sell for £200,000 and much more.

The overlap of the two housing developments could well become the premise of a TV sitcom, but MWB and other property developers are not laughing. They claim they are on the wrong end of a system of planning control that allows local councils to fund housing and infrastructure projects by randomly taxing their endeavours.

While some developers hope their concerns will be addressed in the forthcoming Nolan Committee report on standards in local government, expected this summer, there are also fears that existing controls will be loosened.

Up to a point, local authorities are well within their rights to ensure that a planned development contains some sort of benefit to the community. The process has been called "planning gain", although this is a term that many dislike because it has been associated with some curious negotiations in the past.

In the early Nineties, for instance, J Sainsbury built a tourist information centre and even a birdwatchers' hide as part of a package that enabled it to secure planning permission for a new store.

The days of those kind of sweeteners being demanded — or offered — are over, according to Jane Blower, of J Sainsbury. "That will never happen again," she asserts.

Local authorities must now adhere to new guidelines from the *Department of the Environment* in their planning dealings, spelling an end to the wish-lists of some.

They can now only ask for improvements — or "planning obligations" — when the project is unacceptable without them. The changes must also be directly linked to the development and its impact on the local community and environment, and be in keeping with the size of the project.

These obligations could include infrastructure improvements, such as road widening, the provision of extra bus shelters, cycle tracks or open spaces. Local transport schemes are increasingly winning funds in this way. There are also requirements for developers to include a social housing provision in schemes above a certain size. Whatever the demand, the department's guidance note on the matter states: "To retain public confidence, such arrangements must be operated in accordance with the fundamental principle that planning permission cannot be bought or sold."

The disagreements continue. Sainsbury's has had battles over council-requested infrastructure improvements that the supermarket chain thought were opportunistic. MWB grudgingly paid Lambeth Borough Council £100,000 in order to secure planning permission to convert the old Naafi building in Kennington, south London. The money is going to pay for affordable housing projects elsewhere in the borough.

Richard Balfour-Lyon, a director of MWB, said the company does not object so much to the principle of a developer's contribution.

In areas like Camden or Lambeth, there is a genuine need to prevent locals from being priced out of the market as the pool of available land shrinks.

Mr Balfour-Lyon said: "We object to the random nature of the amount." He said developers can buy land having been told no provision for social housing will be required, only to be hit subsequently.

McCarthy & Stone, the developer of homes for the elderly that is based in Bournemouth, is strongly opposed to some requests that local authorities continue to make on "new-build" projects.

Gary Day, a McCarthy & Stone planning consultant, said one council was now looking for financial contributions to cycleways from prospective developers. "Our residents of sheltered housing *tend not to like bicycles,*" he said.

Mr Day said one sheltered accommodation application would have entailed £100,000 in off-site contributions, embracing new bus shelters, pelican crossings and a contribution to the local dial-a-ride scheme. Another council is asking for contributions to closed-circuit television surveillance.

Developers argue that the competition for sites is so fierce in the current property market that these sorts of demands have to be met. The local authorities can afford to dictate terms. "They know they are in a strong position at the moment," said Mr Day.

Developers also say the appeal procedure against council demands to the Department of the Environment is too slow, taking a year or two in some cases, and acts as a deterrent to any challenges.

Some argue that there is often an intrinsic environmental and social benefit in old or dilapidated buildings being improved, before any extra money is given to the council.

Local authorities, in their defence, have been hampered by government restrictions on housing spending.

Tony Rich, of the Local Government Association, said the great majority of planning obligation demands were entirely benign. Councils in areas with depressed investment or a weaker property market have not been able to play hardball with the developers.

Mr Rich thinks the Nolan Committee, which has quizzed John Gummer, the former Environment Secretary, on planning gain, could make the negotiations between local authorities and developers more public, discouraging strong-arm tactics on either side. At present, only the final outcome must be published.

The extent to which Nolan will be able to make any radical changes is questionable, however. The committee's brief is to examine standards in public life. The issues raised by planning gain, or planning obligations, go right to the heart of changes in the way that local government is funded, a far wider topic that is set to be an even bigger poser for the new Government.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sachs appeal

AT LAST the epic battle over Simon Robertson, former boss at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, is over. As I suggested earlier this week, speculation that another big German investment house, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, was about to hire him are wide of the mark.

Instead he is indeed joining *Goldman Sachs, the American* investment bank. And what a job. No salary, but you can guess; more to the point, he becomes a partner, and rakes in the real money, from December 1. Speculation last night was that his early promotion might have had something to do with the vigorous attempts by DMG to hire him away from Goldmans, the original front-runner.

DMG's failure will be welcomed at Kleinwort, anyway. I am told feelings were running high there about the loss of such a high-flyer, even one they themselves threw out, to another German house. As it is, I believe the word is *Schadenfreude.*

● *THIS is probably the most unlikely story I have heard for weeks, but I can assure you it is true. Max Taylor, pillar of the insurance establishment and the new chairman of Lloyd's, was once the manager of Hawkwind, the heavy metal band. The job, strangely, does not appear on his CV, which starts at the age of 22 as junior broker at Willis Faber, so we can date it at 1970 or before. Hawkwind, younger readers may not know, were one of those 1970s dinosaurs who usually performed amid a haze of aromatic smoke — and indeed were still plying their trade in the 90s. They spawned the even louder Motorhead, a colleague reminds me. Taylor still plays the electric guitar. As more and more graduates of the 1960s and 1970s move into senior managerial positions, this sort of thing will become distressingly common, I am afraid.*

"Oh I see, BAA can buy anything and I'm restricted to two litres and 200 cigarettes."

Damn rotters

AND you thought British Rail was bad: Alicia Weston, Asia saleswoman at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, and analyst Yeow See Yuen were on a business trip to The Netherlands yesterday. After some indecipherable Dutch squawks over the Tannoy, they boarded the empty Amsterdam train at Rotterdam. The train stopped a mile away. They admired the landscape. "Then this other train pulled in to the siding and parked, *and there was no one on it either,*" says Alicia. So they tried the doors. Locked. They went for the driver. No one on board. Alicia rang DMG from the ghost train on her mobile. Traders in the dealing room were less than sympathetic — actually, they were still falling about with laughter when they rang me about it half an hour later. The police were called. Finally someone from the Dutch rail company came to free them.

Burmese daze

A PRINCIPLED stand from Burton Group, which yesterday instructed its suppliers to place no more contracts for goods sourced from Burma, or Myanmar, as the military rulers of that benighted country prefer it. This follows the arrival of a few shirts made there at Burton shops and a number of letters from a well-organised protest group.

Very laudable; but human rights purists might wonder if the Burmese regime, awful though it is, is that much worse than, say, the Chinese, which uses slave labour to produce export goods, or its genocidal equivalent in Indonesia. Meanwhile cynics might wonder if the announcement is designed to pre-empt last night's hostile *Nationwide* programme about Burmese factories that make clothes for the British high street.

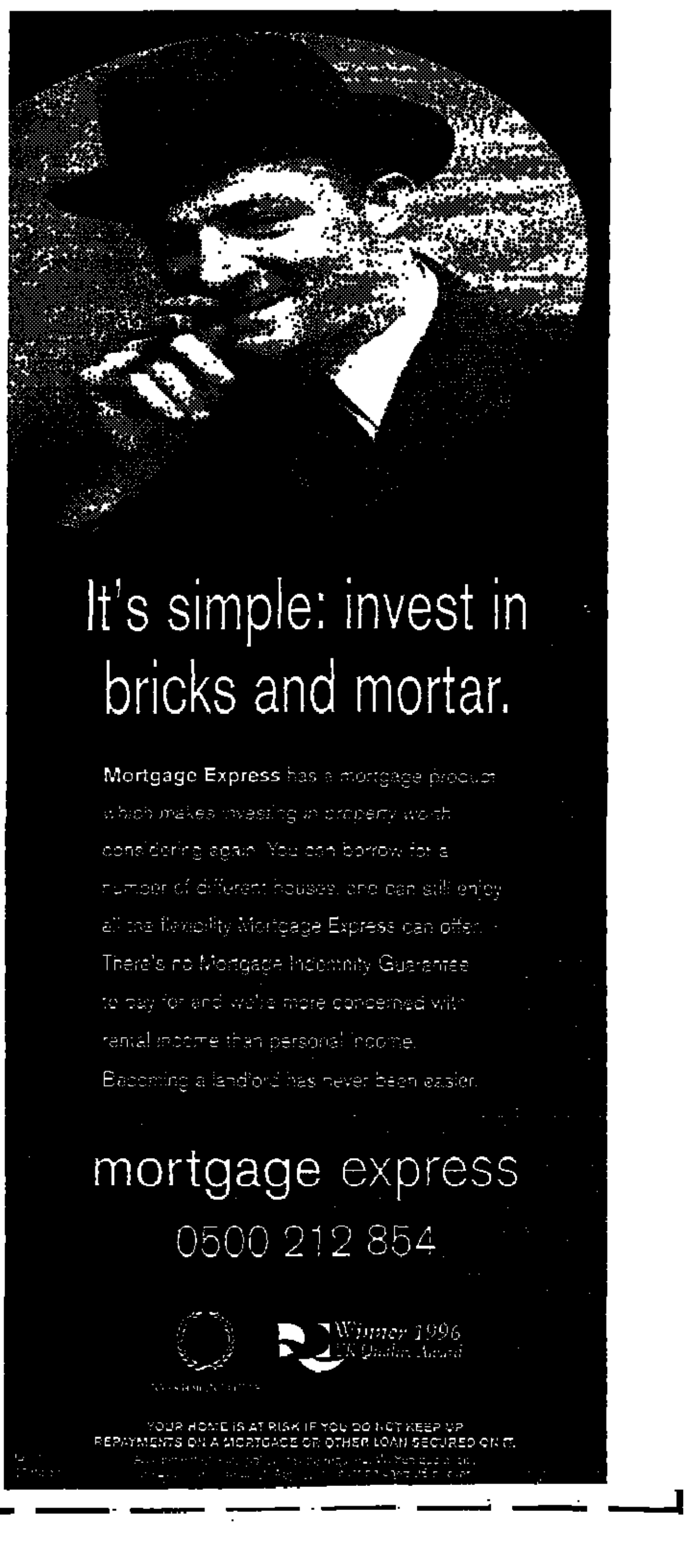
● *ANY truth in rumours that a certain securities house has dropped £100 million on equity derivatives after the market's cartwheels of recent days? The City believes so, and so do I, although I am not supposed to reveal which one, not least because there may be several more. One British house has already denied it. But rumour says somebody's equities book might have as many holes as a Swiss cheese. And those holes might be big enough to cause concern at Threadneedle Street.*

Cat flap

THERE is no doubt that the new head of the Welfare to Work task force in Scotland will take a particularly keen interest in the job. After all, he is one of the utilities fat cats who will have to pay for it. Ian Robinson, chief executive of ScottishPower — the multi-utility that is going to have to shell out £320 million in the windfall tax — yesterday started work putting his money to good use.

MARTIN WALLER

Ian Robinson: paying the piper and also playing the tune on Scottish task force



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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
463	407½	Allied Domecq	434	+ 7	6.9	13.0
626	456	Bulmer (HP)	490	- 5	3.5	14.5
75	52½	Burn Stewart	55		7.7	13.7
1030	905	Glenmorangie A	977½	- 2	1.7	24.0
637	425½	Grand Met	615	- 5	3.3	19.6
620	471	Guinness	613	- 9	3.3	17.2
390	321½	Highland Dist	357		3.2	15.5
316	235	Matthew Clark	245½		12.2	11.7
109½	57½	Morgan (?)	59½	- 1	9.7	8.0
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries	1943½	- 11½	2.0	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1178½	915½	ABN-AMRO	1112½	- 21½	2.9	
951	710	Abbey Nat	937½	- 35½	3.6	15.9
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	599½	- 2	3.4	14.7
491½	388½	Allied Irish	391½	- 12	3.7	11.9
451½	363½	Aus New Z	436½	- 14½	4.3	
4159½	2975	Bank America	4146½	- 151½		
429	291½	Bank Scotland	314½	+ 11	2.5	12.6
1305½	978½	Barclays	1279	+ 28½	3.2	12.5
705½	517½	Bk of Ireland	685	+ 15	3.8	
7890½	6008½	Citicorp	7775	+ 281½		
1759½	1268½	CommerzBk	1646½	- 31½	2.8	
862½	559½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	756½	- 12½	0.6	
3659½	2706½	Deutsche Bk	3562½	- 87½	1.7	
1151½	759½	Espirito Santo	1100	- 21½	3.2	
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	867½	- 6½	0.5	
1347	1272½	HSBC	1938½	+ 5	2.6	16.8
1871	1241	HSBC Hs	1858½	- 9½	2.8	16.1
783	714	Halifax	767½		2.4	27.9
610	483½	Irish Perm	565		5.9	
590½	424	Lloyds TSB	675½	+ 29½	2.4	21.9
868½	569½	Nat Aust Bk	866½	- 16½	3.6	12.1
894	683½	Nat West	989	- 15½	3.1	15.3
662½	508	Ryl Bk Scot	607½	+ 13	4.0	13.1
1046	681	Stand Chart	985½	- 34½	1.8	17.7
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	
374½	315½	Westpac	355½	- 7½	4.2	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass	782½	- 23½	4.1	14.7
68½	42½	Brit for the Sur	46½	- 2½	5.0	
205	145½	Burtonwd Brw	146½	- 1½	4.8	13.2
155½	123	City Centre Rest	125½		2.5	21.0
744½	612½	Compass Gp	666	- 4½	1.7	24.4
305	250	[illegible]	258½	- 2	2.3	15.9
485	435	Fuller Smith A	442½		2.9	
355	145	Greenalls Grp	447½		4.5	11.0
750	643	Greene King	679		3.1	
257½	164½	Grosvenor Inns	172½		4.4	16.7
295	219½	Groupe Chez Gd	242½		5.1	22.9
398½	261	Hardy Hanson	270½		5.2	11.6
2550	2700	Hall J	2775		2.7	16.4
78	63½	Inn Business	68		3.0	
357	309	Mansfield	341½	- 3½	2.6	
315½	253	Marston Thmp	265		3.5	9.9
615	517½	Morland	535		3.1	13.4
266	210	Old Eng Pub	255½		1.0	32.9
37	26½	Paramount	28½			
920½	527½	PizzaExpress	639½	- 1	0.6	41.7
337½	337	Ransoms (H)	330	- 5	1.6	34.4
379½	252½	Regent Inns	283½	- 8½	1.7	27.1
717½	627	Scot & New	695	- 33½	4.0	14.4
299	248½	Vaux Group	275½	- 2½	4.9	12.4
1392½	1105	Wetherspoon JD	1375		0.8	30.7
879	738½	Whitbread	794	+ 25½	3.7	14.6
706	562	Wolverhmptn D	587½	+ 4	3.7	12.8
531	419½	Yates Bros	522½	- ½	1.0	27.9
702½	615	Young A	697½		2.7	27.4

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Ramsden's serves up increase

Harry Ramsden's raised pre-tax profits to £202,000 from £169,000 in the six months to March 31 on sales up from £1.98 million to £2.52 million. The fish and chip restaurants group raised earnings from 1.3p to 1.5p, out of which a maintained dividend of 1p a share will be paid.

John Barnes, chairman, said that seven restaurants were opened in the period, including franchised outlets in Singapore and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Three more restaurants have opened since March, he said, making this a record year for new openings.

Hays acquires

Hays, the office support services company, paid £11.8 million for Paperstream, the payment processor. The deal will enhance earnings this year. Paperstream's pre-tax profits were £1.2 million on sales of £14.7 million in the year to March 31. It was part of Southern Water's billing department, sold after the takeover of Southern by ScottishPower.

Universal fall

Shares in Universal Salvage fell 6p to 117½p after the motor salvage group's pretax profits fell 26 per cent to £3.42 million in the year to April 30. Sales were £57 million (£46 million). Earnings were 8.35p (11.05p). A 3.55p final dividend gives a total of 5.2p (5.07p).

Mowlem buys

John Mowlem, the construction company, is paying Northumbrian Water £4.05 million for Exploration Associates. It provides geotechnical and environmental services and had turnover of £13.5 million in the year to March 31.

CRH invests

CRH, the building materials group based in the Republic of Ireland, yesterday said it had completed acquisitions and investments of Ir£48 million in the first six months of 1997, partly offset by divestments of Ir£39 million.

Electricity watchdog may cut bills by 10%

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

ELECTRICITY bills could fall by £27 next year because of fresh price controls being considered by the industry regulator ahead of the introduction of a competitive market in household power.

The prospect of a 10 per cent cut in domestic bills to make an average of £238 a year was raised by Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator, in the latest round of his review into the pricing restraints that operate on the supply side of electricity.

It has also emerged that customers excluded from next April's phased start of the open market will be in line for rebates from their regional electricity companies.

Prospects of electricity price cuts next year come as fears circulate among consumer groups that companies will seek to pass on the bills for windfall tax through prices by trying to negotiate leniency in pricing reviews.

Professor Littlechild has previously told the Trade and Industry Select Committee that he would listen to such arguments but that he would have to be pursuaded that the companies' financial ability to fulfil licence obligations had been affected.

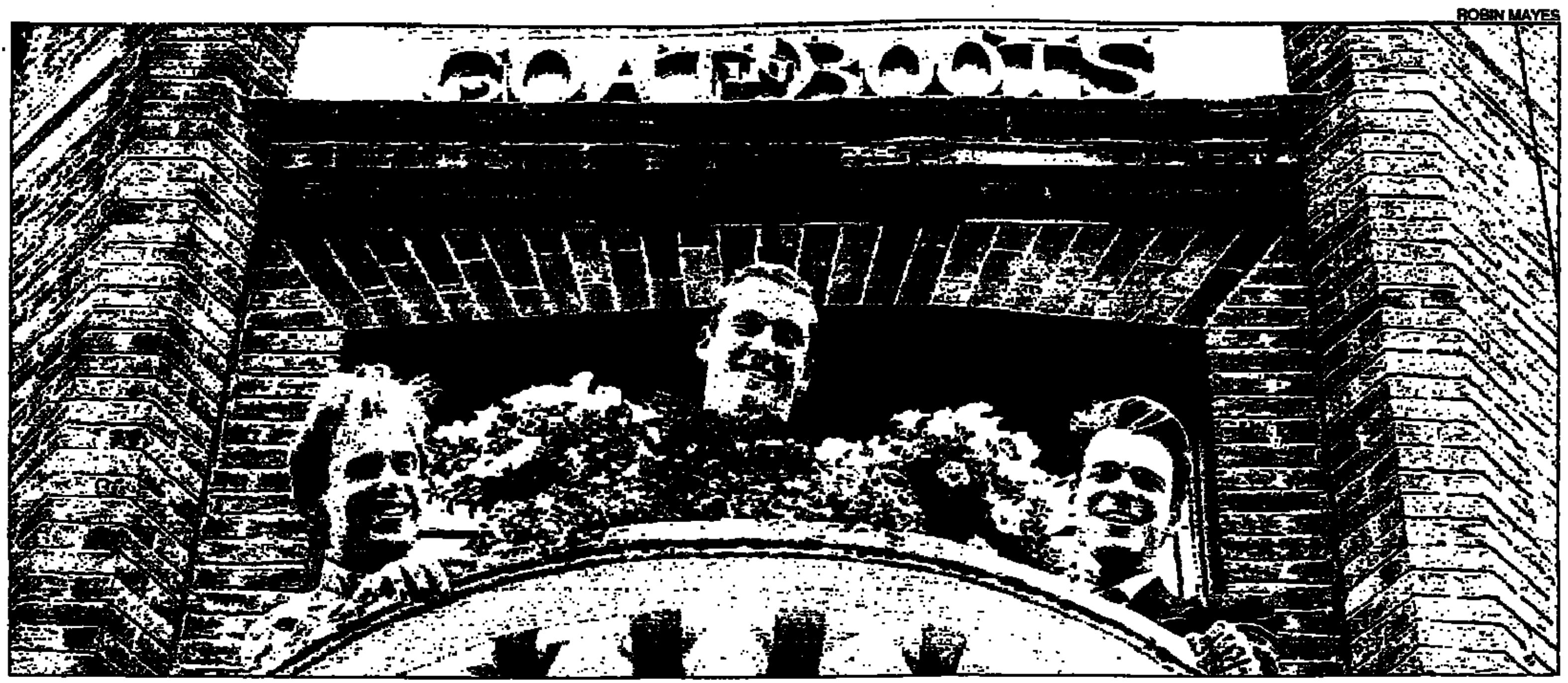
Price restraints will be imposed on regional suppliers — who at present enjoy monopolies — for their supply operations once the market has begun to open.

Professor Littlechild has based the amount of the cut in bills on an expectation that prices in the pool — the wholesale market for electricity — will tumble by between 4 and 12 per cent over the next three years. He has also anticipated that supply business costs could be further cut by about 1.5 per cent a year.

Competition in domestic electricity, which has been dogged by delays and unrest within the industry, is scheduled to start in the spring in a phased programme although only three of the 14 companies have so far said that they are ready to start on time.

The regulator had originally wanted competition to start in one clean move but bowed to pressure from regional electricity companies who argued that such a start would be too ambitious and would threaten administrative and technical chaos.

Professor Littlechild is planning that a percentage of revenue from the electricity companies is fed back in the form of a rebate to customers unable to join the competitive market. Competition will be introduced on a postcode basis. The rebates will apply for each month that customers are unable to shop around for their electricity.



ROBIN MAYES

Joel Cadbury, right, Ollie Vigors, left, and Alex Langlands Pearse sold the Goat in Boots pub — a popular haunt for Sloanes — for £1.5 million

Cadbury proves a chip off the old block

By Dominic Walsh

JOEL CADBURY, 25-year-old scion of the chocolate family, is quietly proving that business is in his blood.

Together with Ollie Vigors and Alex Langlands Pearse — his partners in a company called Longshot — Mr Cadbury has just sold a pub and club business in Fulham Road, south London, for £1.5 million compared with the £140,000 they paid for it two years ago.

The Goat in Boots pub, a popular haunt for Sloanes, and the adjoining members-only Kings Club have been sold to Pembertons Group, the AIM-listed former Courtyard Leisure, in which Robert Earl, the restaurant billionaire, has a stake.

As part of the deal, Longshot will continue to run the site, where turnover has quadrupled to around £2 million over two years, under a management contract. It is receiving £433,000 of the sale price in the form of Pembertons shares and the two companies are expected to develop further business opportunities together.

Longshot, which was founded in 1994, owns London eateries SWXI and Vingt-Quatre, a 24-hour concept that may be developed into a chain on the back of the Goat in Boots sale proceeds.

Mr Cadbury, who is Longshot's chief executive, needs to look no further than his parents for entrepreneurial inspiration. His father, Peter, a cousin of Dominic Cadbury, Cadbury Schweppes chairman, was head of the Keith Prowse ticket booking agency for 17 years until 1971. And his mother, Jennifer d'Abo, masterminded the flotation in 1986 of Ryman, the high street stationery retailer.

Despite Longshot's rapid growth, Mr Cadbury has no plans to take it public. "We've got money in the bank, and we're doing very well as a private company," he said.

Tradepoint short of target despite rise

By Adam Jones

THE number of deals struck on Tradepoint, the electronic market set up to compete with the London Stock Exchange, increased in the first half of the year, but remain a long way behind break-even targets.

Tradepoint was forced to raise £775,000 in interim funding through a placing with existing shareholders last month.

Yesterday the loss-making exchange announced that it handled trades worth £418 million in the first six months of 1997, compared with £158 million in the same period last year. June proved to be a record month for Tradepoint, with 463 trades worth £97.6 million, an average of £4.6 million a day.

However, the exchange requires £50 million a day in traded volume to break even.

It set itself the target of breaking even by the end of the year, but will face a new challenge when the Stock Exchange unveils its own order-driven trading system in the autumn. Tradepoint is seeking at least £6 million in long-term financing.

Stephen Wilson, an executive director, claimed yesterday that Tradepoint users were "consistently able to deal at better prices". Tradepoint shares closed unchanged at 70p.

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UK Growth Inc	348.20	370.60	+ 4.00	2.20
Higher Inc Acc	962.80	1024.30	+ 16.90	3.72
Higher Inc Inc	505.10	537.40	+ 8.90	3.72
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Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	94.14	98.43	- 0.55	5.46
Nth America	398.70	424.30	- 8.70	
Europe	427.70	455.10	- 0.80	
Brit Excell	108.20	115.20	+ 1.50	2.38
Brit Friendly Acc	133.10	141.70	+ 1.50	4.41
Brit Friendly Inc	87.61	93.42	+ 0.99	4.41
Global Opps	113.80	121.10	- 0.30	
Balanced Acc	70.87	75.40	.	2.12
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Japan Acc	43.80	46.60	- 0.80	
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Assets & Earnings	326.60	349.30	+ 0.30	2.69
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N&P UK Growth	106.10	112.80	+ 1.60	1.99
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UK Equity & Bd	63.22	66.97	+ 0.35	5.38
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Beck Bio-Tech	37.57	40.77†	- 0.67	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	193.53	203.22†	...	0.42
City Fin Assets	83.57	87.76	.	1.09
City Fin Intl	95.32	100.09	..	0.06
Fears Hse Cap	335.13	356.52	...	2.23
Buckley Wrld Gth	152.91	162.08		
Sharr Utilities	73.74	75.26	+ 2.07	4.62
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Equity High Inc	105.63	111.77†	+ 1.72	3.38
-do- Accum	156.47	165.57	+ 2.55	3.38
Extra Income Inc	27.65	29.10†	+ 0.02	6.48
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European Gwth	78.28	82.84		0.17
Evergreen	33.25	35.56	- 0.11	
General Equity	123.36	130.20	+ 1.40	2.49
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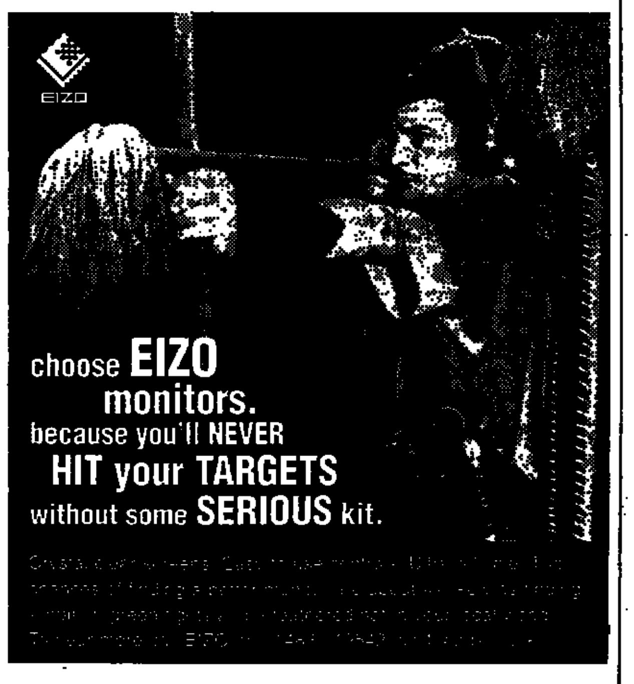

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Gilt Yield	123.10	129.80†	+ 0.50	6.23
Global Income	256.50	272.90	+ 1.70	2.94
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UK Sel Ptflo	183.30	188.90†	+ 3.00	2.21
-do- Accum	225.50	232.40†	+ 4.70	2.21
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European	121.90	129.40	- 1.30	0.32
Income #	95.21	101.18	- 1.30	4.06

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Mitchum and Stewart: great stars, but how much did they actually act on camera?

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Good to talk, better to act: BT's National Connections brings youngsters to the stage

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Queen Lear: Kathryn Hunter makes gender irrelevant in a superb portrayal of the tragic monarch

■ RADIO

John Inverdale, reporting tax changes between forehand volleys, illustrates Radio 5's dilemma

They all play their part

Benedict Nightingale analyses the differing demands of stage and screen

Above, James Stewart on his way to being a really nice guy with Donna Reed in *It's a Wonderful Life*; below, Robert Mitchum gets unusually nasty in *Night of the Hunter*

A centipede was once asked how he was able to walk, and was thrown into such confusion and self-doubt by the question that he never walked again. I have often seen a similar fear on the face of actors whom I have quizzed about their craft. If they try to explain what to them is largely a mystery, they may cripple their ability to perform.

But when two screen centipedes as accomplished as James Stewart and Robert Mitchum disappear into the history books within two days, the question has to be asked again. How did they make acting look so easy? How did Mitchum grip us with that hooded charisma, and Stewart effortlessly radiate that gawky decency? Were they simply being themselves in fictional circumstances that required only minor adjustments of mood? Were they, indeed, acting at all?

Some would argue not. The American critic George Nathan said that an actor's performance on screen bore the same relation, to a performance on stage as a hiccup to Camille's consumption.

Josef von Sternberg wrote that film actors appear to move and speak by themselves, seem to be “self-determining units of intelligence”, but are actually “dolls”, “dummies” that require more manipulation by a director than a clockwork duck. He claimed to have turned Marlene Dietrich from an awkward amateur into a profoundly mysterious siren by asking her to count to six and stare at a lamppost.

Sternberg was, of course, an arrogant dictator and Dietrich not exactly a versatile performer; but it must be admitted that screen production is much more hostile than stage production to complex character acting.

Rehearsals usually consist of a brief chat with the director and one brisk run-through. When shooting occurs, the performers are surrounded by wire, cameras and sound-equipment, plus odds and bods doing such things as running forward to powder their faces between takes. Directors and film editors have far more control over the way actors project to the audience than they themselves do.

Moreover, screen actors have less chance to range than their stage counterparts. They are more obviously stuck with *their own* faces, bodies and, to a large extent, personalities. If they apply make-up and adjust their body language to suggest age, disease or even emotional change, they look phoney. The camera tends to make anything except the most literal performances seem artificial. When Laurence Olivier played Othello on stage, he seized and inhabited his audiences' imaginations. When he gave the same performance on the screen, he was an embarrassing ham in blackface.

Occasionally a great film actor — Marlon Brando, Orson Welles, maybe Robert De Niro — can achieve the otherness a good stage actor would take for granted. But you seldom see transformation on the screen you could call daring, let alone radical. For an actor, it is more a case of restraining his more adventurous impulses and bolder gestures, and hoping that simply being the person he is will be performance enough. As Peter Ustinov once said to an over-busy player: “Don't just do something, stand there.”

This hardly demands the complex skills one associates with Olivier, Ralph Richardson, Ian McKellen or Vanessa Redgrave at their theatrical best. But it requires more than Mitchum modestly suggested when he said he had only two styles of acting: on and off a horse.

When David Hare was directing his *Licking Hitler*, he had trouble with a stage actor who looked like a stiff in a mortuary. Asked why, the actor replied: “I'm told film acting is about doing nothing.” Hare's reply was that there was a difference between doing nothing and thinking nothing.

“The camera loves intelligence,” Hare writes. “It loves to detect what's behind the face.” Add “sensitivity” and he is surely right. He is equally right to pick Redgrave as an actress who has made an especially successful transition from the all-encompassing challenges of the theatre to the quiet demands of film. In *Playing for Time*, in which she was a Jewish musician in a Nazi death camp, she opened her imagination to the character's predicament, and the pain, grief and horror were in her eyes.

How does she do it? She says that, instead of worrying about complex psychological patterns or the cause and effect of character, she reacts to situations “immediately, unquestioningly and trustingly”. That was also the approach recommended by Michelangelo Antonioni, who said that film actors should not plan a part, but simply “let the imagination reveal itself spontaneously”; and he directed some fine screen performances.

But this sort of acting demands great confidence, which needs moral and emotional strength, and a rare ability to relax, which needs physical strength too. Were those the fundamental qualities that allowed Stewart to radiate such intensity of curiosity in *Rear Window* and Mitchum to bring such coldness to *Night of the Hunter*? We can only guess. The mystery remains.

Youth is taking over the National Theatre next week

Do put your daughter (and son) on the stage

On a wet June Sunday in Peckham, south London, 12 young people rehearse a brand new play by Nobel laureate Wole Soyinka. The run-through is a bit rough around the edges: it is ten weeks since the last performance, we are being deafened by a thunderstorm, and one of the actors has severe laryngitis. Nevertheless, excitement and energy fizz. For this production of *Travel Club and Boy Soldier*, featuring a group of 11 to 18-year-olds from the community arts venture, Peckham New Varieties, has been chosen for this month's celebration of youth theatre at the National Theatre.

It has taken two years and £400,000 of sponsorship to reach this final stage of the BT National Connections showcase. Twelve established writers — the poets Simon Armitage and Liz Lochhead, author of *The Krays* Phil Ridley, and prizewinning playwright David Ashton among them — were each commissioned to write a new piece for a young cast. Ten regional theatres, from Belfast to Clwyd, Chichester to Sheffield, Plymouth to Inverness, worked in partnership with 150 groups of young people, and each production was assessed by NT representatives. Three quarters of them were presented in regional showcases. Suzy Graham-Adriani, the NT's administrator of the project, says that “every single regional partner has done more than was required”. Asked to mount two productions each, they all presented at least eight.

Last Christmas all the directors — mostly youth leaders and teachers — went on a “retreat” with representatives from the NT and some of the writers for a brainstorming weekend. The groups had already chosen their plays from synopses giving details of cast and set requirements and, sometimes, warning of strong language. Everyone had to undertake to respect the text. Graham-Adriani says that they were able to recruit such high-calibre playwrights “because they know we are careful about their work”. But the writers have been accommodating, finding “creative alternatives” where expression was too colourful for comfort. Ashton even rewrote bits of his play, *The Golden Door* (about an outspoken underground tribe), for a church group, saying he perfectly understood.

While these particular writers deal with everything from bullying to homelessness, drug-taking and child abuse (as well as friendship and shared fun), the plays are never irresponsible. A character living on the streets in Simon Bent's *Shelter* praises “E”, but is immediately told to be sensible by one of his peers.

In *Sparkleshark*, a hilarious piece full of clever observation and fantasy, and one of the most popular, Ridley deftly shows Jake, the school geek, escaping the bullies by using his imagination in shared storytelling. Gina Moxley is aware that *Dog House*, in which a girl is emotionally and physically abused by her widower father, has to be tackled sensitively, but no one has complained about the content. She says: “It's a bit scary, kids doing it. But abuse goes on and the play could be a trigger to talk about it.”

Bryony Lavery's fable about 16 women who, immured after the death of their emperor, turn to cannibalism, has received some unwelcome press attention. Graham-Adriani defends the piece vigorously: “*More Light* is a beautiful play. Given a plot description, who would think *Oedipus* was suitable for teenagers? But that's a set book.”

Sometimes the language itself presents a challenge. Armitage's strange and magical *Eclipse* could only have been written by a poet; absolute precision is required in speaking the rhythmic lines.

Gloucestershire Everyman tackles David Ashton's *The Golden Door*

Soyinka's play, too, has its difficulties for modern schoolchildren. The language is formal, clever, middle-class, typical of a public school debating society. Pupils on a school journey in the South Seas are caught up in a political coup and, although the situation is frightening, they score points off each other and the 15-year-old soldier who has them in his power.

Many writers have travelled the country to see productions of their plays. Ashton says: “I always have a pow-wow about the play and I have found the casts delightful, cheeky, funny, thoughtful and intelligent.”

Ridley has turned his own painful childhood experience of bullying to good account in *Sparkleshark*, and he has taken a particular interest in East End and Belfast productions, where racial and sectarian tensions and the need to build community add a dimension.

Trevor Nunn, the NT's incoming artistic director, believes this contact with writers and theatre professionals is valuable training for the 6,000 directors and young people who have taken part. “Everything BT Connections does is very important to my objectives over the next five years. It reaches out regionally and to young people of whatever race, religion, background or creed.”

HEATHER NEILL

● *The 12 plays will be performed over six days, two each evening from 7pm in the Cottesloe (July 9, 10, 11 and 12) and Olivier (July 14 and 15) theatres (0171-928 2252)*

Mother of all fathers

THEATRE

King Lear
Young Vic

Kathryn Hunter is a woman, Lear the elderly father of three, and Helena Kaut-Howson's production, first seen at the Leicester Haymarket, famously casts the one as the other. This is certainly a theatrical innovation, at least in Britain, but the transgender aspect can be overemphasised and has already led to pointless speculation. Since Fiona Shaw has recently played Richard II, are we witnessing the start of a new trend? Which black actress will be the first to play Othello?

Who can answer these mighty questions? Better to note that the word “actor” has long since lost its exclusively masculine gender, and consider what the actor Hunter achieves, for this is momentous. Her voice does not beat against the roof in the storm scenes, and I suspect it may not be up to doing so. But such suspicions are irrelevant because she builds the performance on a different structure, and the rewards come plentifully in the closing scenes, when the king flickers in and out of madness. Here Hunter finds for him a kind of divine grace.

The production has lost some of the nursing-home preliminaries that disconcerted some of my colleagues at Leicester. We still see Hunter being pushed on to the stage in a wheelchair, bald, shrunken, virtually dead to the world, while doctors and ancillary staff attend to other terminal cases in the background. But there is no clear indication that what follows is the nightmare of a neglected parent, although the programme still draws this parallel.

With her strange, wizened features and parchment skin, Hunter sometimes looks like Max Wall; at moments even the Alec Guinness of *The Lady Killers* without those terrible teeth. There is a puckish amusement in this elderly baby's face; fingers twitch excitedly as Hunter hobbles towards Cordelia, fondly confident of even more love and cherishment. “Nothing will come of nothing,” is spoken as a caring parent might say it, explaining an error, not stamping on an offender.

Except for some of the asides muttered by Marcello Magni's Fool the verse speaking is clear and intelligent. Kaut-Howson has had to redirect her production to fit the Young Vic's very different stage, where actors can emerge from all corners, and she achieves a particularly fine tableau at the height of the storm with Lear, his Fool and Kent huddled together and staring horrified at the writhings of Simon Roberts's Poor Tom.

Interesting behaviour is also occurring on the periphery of the action. Crouched in the shadow of a barrel, Magni listens to yet another of Lear's tirades against his daughters, and the expression on his face tells you how well he can read the future.

Hunter's gravelly, wavering voice is able to stir the heart from the moment Lear's plight sets him thinking of other people. In the final scenes, decked with flowers or dressed in a white robe, the voice is that of a little, old and trembling creature, now briefly comical, now piercing in the pain of its hard-won wisdom. The sex of the actor is immaterial before such capacity to reach the core of an experience.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Budget inflation

RADIO

Market research has established that there is a large percentage of the radio audience that is wedded to a single network. These people are extremely reluctant to switch to another one, even temporarily, but this phenomenon does not fully explain the BBC's coverage of the Budget.

This is by no means the first year when listeners have wondered how any event can possibly be so important that it has to be covered simultaneously on three out of the five BBC networks. The irresistible conclusion is that internal rivalries are dictating the schedule.

On Wednesday, Gordon Brown arrived at the dispatch box to more coverage than Tim Henman at Wimbledon, a ridiculous situation given that Brown is merely the Chancellor whereas Henman is a Brit who had won three tennis matches in succession. Indeed, it was such a close call between Brown and Henman that Radio 5 Live's coverage of the two was actually titled **Wimbledon '97 and the Budget**, a programming conjunction that satirists would have been struggling to beat.

Henman won his fourth-round match 45 minutes before Brown was due on court at Westminster, which made the balancing act of John Inverdale, 5 Live's presenter, easier than might have been the case.

The potential listener's job was not made easy at all. The listings gave little clue as to what kind of Budget coverage might be expected from Radios 2, 4 and 5 Live. Nothing in *Radio Times*, for example, indicated that the actual Budget speech would only be on Radio 4, with Radios 2 and 5 Live taking highlights interspersed with comment from experts.

I listened to the Radio 4 coverage of the speech itself, because I do not like radio producers deciding on my behalf what I need to hear. I occasionally switched to 5 Live, where Inverdale was manfully alternating between mortgage interest relief and forehand passing shots.

Listeners who missed the daytime live coverage could have tuned in during the late evening. At 10pm Radio 4 had **The World Tonight**, more than half of which was about the Budget, followed at 10.35 by Brown's Budget statement.

Radio 5 Live was not, of course, about to lie down and roll over, so at 10pm it had two hours of Budget appraisal in **Vincent Hanna's Budget Night**, the first 45 minutes of which overlapped with the Radio 4 coverage.

The root of the problem here is a dilemma that arose when 5 Live was launched, as to which BBC network is supposed to be the market leader in current affairs. Radio 4 is determined to hold that title against allcomers, but 5 Live is the dedicated sport and news network and is particularly dedicated to proving itself best at the job. Most listeners will wish the umpire would make a decision soon.

PETER BARNARD

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£ 25,000+	5.13	4.10
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Below £10,000	3.15	2.52

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Primal Scream go heavily into the dance scene, with psychedelic overtones, on *Vanishing Point*

■ POP 2

... while Brian Eno offers a glacial voyage towards the cutting edge on *The Drop*

■ POP 3

Refreshed by the Sex Pistols reunion, John Lydon takes the *Psycho's Path* on a new solo album

■ POP 4

His 'harmolodics' may baffle, but saxophonist Ornette Coleman is still able to blow *hot and bold*

Trust your Bobby on the beat

POP ALBUMS: Primal Scream's leader still can't sing for toffee, but **David Sinclair** is hep to the groove

PRIMAL SCREAM
Vanishing Point
(Creation CRECD 178 £13.99)

IT WAS no accident that Primal Scream ended up playing their set in the Dance Tent at Glastonbury last weekend. With their new album, *Vanishing Point*, the Glaswegians have returned to the dance/rock fusion which they pioneered with such intriguing results on their 1991 album *Screamadelica*.

Their singer and leader, Bobby Gillespie, has not entirely shaken off his fixation with the past, but whereas Primal Scream's previous album, *Give Out But Don't Give Up*, aped the straight rock'n'roll of the Rolling Stones circa 1972 with slavish devotion, *Vanishing Point* is a more free-ranging, experimental project with strong psychedelic overtones: not so much *Exile on Main St* as *Their Satanic Majesties Request* completely retooled for the post-rave era.

The biggest problem remains Gillespie's feeble voice, a combination of wavery pitch and gossamer-thin tone that slides away from the note like butter off a hot knife, and singularly fails to do justice to tunes such as *Out of the Void* and *Star*.

But the album boasts some tremendous grooves, often enhanced by an imaginative choice of instrumentation. The seductive, film-noir melody of *Get Duffy* is carried by a bass clarinet; a tootling melodica livens up *Star*; and there is an arresting synth and sitar joust on *If They Move, Kill 'Em*, a wonderfully funky instrumental which sounds a bit like the *Mission Impossible* theme played on Ecstasy.

Despite Gillespie's shortcomings as a performer, *Vanishing Point* is a rare and inspiring example of a group successfully finding its way back from the safety of the retro-rock ticket to a place close to the cutting edge, and doing so with considerable style and conviction.

"A free-ranging, experimental project with strong psychedelic overtones": after the failed *Give Out But Don't Give Up*, Primal Scream are back on form with *Vanishing Point*

BRIAN ENO
The Drop
(All Saints Records ASCD32 £14.49)

ONE of the few musicians who is able to describe his own work almost as well as a music critic, Brian Eno has characterised *The Drop* as "what you might expect from sketchily describing modern jazz to a person who'd never heard it and who then forgot most of what you said and tried to play it anyway."

Frankly, that gives an impression of this album as being rather more of a lark than it actually sounds. From the brief, arhythmic, tonal soundbites with titles such as *Slip Dip* and *But If* that preface the album, to a final, 32-minute-long systems piece called *Iced World* for piano and shimmering electronic rhythm track, *The Drop* is a collection of carefully assembled, ambient/instrumental doodles that proceed with an airless and utterly glacial calm.

Eno may be on the brink of something new here, as he has been so often in the past. But while it is one thing to admire the questing spirit of *The Drop*, there is a cold, eerie quality (what he calls "sourness") to this music that makes it difficult to love.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(–)	The Fat of the Land	Prodigy (XL Recordings)
2	(1)	OK Computer	Radiohead (Parlophone)
3	(2)	Heavy Soul	Paul Weller (Go! Discs/Island)
4	(6)	Before the Rain	Eternal (EMI)
5	(4)	Spice	Spice Girls (Virgin)
6	(3)	Destination Anywhere	Jon Bon Jovi (Mercury)
7	(8)	Timeless	Sarah Brightman (Coalition)
8	(5)	Middle of Nowhere	Hanson (Mercury)
9	(7)	Always on my Mind	Elvis Presley (RCA)
10	(12)	Stoosh	Skunk Anansie (One Little Indian)

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BLUES TRAVELER
Straight On Till Morning
(A&M 540 750 £15.49)

WHILE their last studio album, *Four*, sold six million copies, comparatively few of those passed over the counters of record shops in this country. Like their fellow Americans the Dave Matthews Band and Hootie and the Blowfish, Blues Traveler is one of those groups that combines superlative musicianship with ultra-conservative production values in a way that seems slick and meaningless to British ears.

The group is primarily a vehicle for the virtuoso harmonica playing of John Popper, and he certainly piles up some awesomely complicated phrases with an amazingly fleet touch, especially on the jazzy *Justify the Thrill*. But the unnecessarily convoluted lyrics — "Perhaps in time I could surpass my coy façade of vast indifference" — coupled with the progressive rock pretensions of numbers such as *Felicia* and *Business as Usual* quickly become wearying, while Popper's tendency to sing like Cat Stevens, notably on *Canadian Rose*, does not weigh in the band's favour either.

JOHN LYDON
Psycho's Path
(Virgin Records America 7243 8 44209 £13.99)

A MAN of many parts, none of which quite fits, John Lydon follows up the unabashed nostalgia of the Sex Pistols reunion with the novel approach of his first solo album, *Psycho's Path*.

Left entirely to his own devices, Lydon produces a batch of songs that are more thoughtful and personal in tone than was typical of his work with either the Pistols or Public Image Ltd. "I'm never happy with what surrounds me," he sings on *Sun*, an appealing, lolloping riff which Lydon performs on an assortment of toilet-paper rolls, cardboard boxes and an accordion which, by his own admission, he can hardly play.

Despite the rather eccentric arrangements, Lydon actually makes his most concerted effort yet to sing, as opposed to the shouting and ranting that has been his stock-in-trade over the years. Sounding like David Thomas of Pere Ubu on the funky *Another Way* and the languorous *A No and A Yes*, he allows a rare sense of personal weakness to creep into the lyrics — "You see these problems and faults in you/I know they're there, I got them too" — although he would doubtless pass off such sentiments as simple role playing.

With dance remixes of various tracks by the Chemical Brothers, Leftfield, Moby and Danny Saber also included, *Psycho's Path* not only sounds remarkably current but also has something original to say.

Original creative process

JAZZ ALBUMS

■ **EVAN PARKER ELECTRO-ACOUSTIC ENSEMBLE**
Toward the Margins
(ECM New Series 1612 453 514-2)

ALTHOUGH ECM is not generally readily associated with freely improvised music, UK saxophonist Evan Parker appeared on the label's fifth release in 1970, and has maintained a close relationship with both his producer here (Steve Lake) and label-boss Manfred Eicher ever since. This project involves Parker's regular trio with bassist Barry Guy and percussionist Paul Lytton, but assigns each group member a "processor" who both treats his assignee's music electronically and produces live electronic sounds of his own.

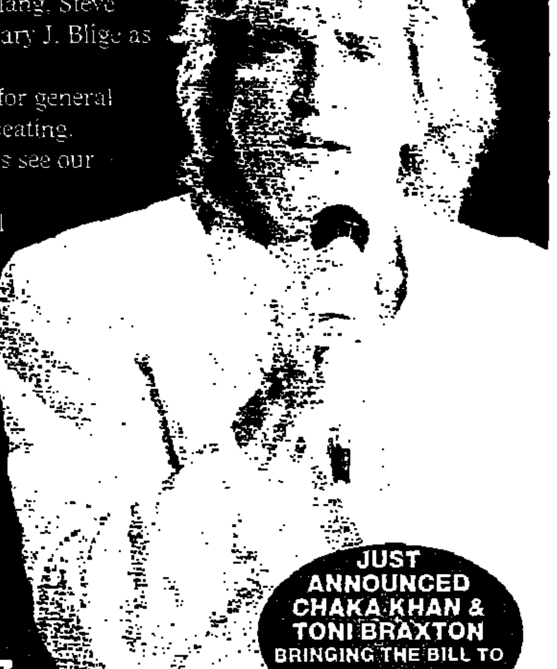
The results, which fully utilise the various instrumental combinations available, range from brooding, multi-textured meditations, through squalls of scrabbling improvisation, to intriguing explorations of the relationship between the original improvised sound and its processed equivalent. Absorbing, innovative and wholly original music.

■ **NEW YORK JAZZ COLLECTIVE**
I Don't Know This World Without Don Cherry
(Naxos Jazz 86003-2)

EXPANDING its budget-priced (£4.99) classical operation to jazz under the artistic direction of New Zealand-born pianist/composer Mike Nock, Naxos has assembled many of New York's finest for this session, one of six label-launching issues. Nock wanted "independent musicians with roots both in the new music and the tradition", and his front-line choice, multi-reedsman Marty Ehrlich, trombonist Frank Lacy and trumpeter Baikida Carroll, certainly bring considerable soloing strength to their leader's tricksy compositions, even if some of their theme-statements are a little sour.

Overall, then, this is an adventurous, richly varied but thoughtful set of band originals, with Ehrlich, as ever, stealing the show with his peerless versatility and inventiveness.

CHRIS PARKER



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JAZZ: No longer must Ornette Coleman plough his furrow alone. **Alyn Shipton** reports

Coleman teamed with a partner of notes

For someone every bit as influential in jazz history as Miles Davis or John Coltrane, the free jazz saxophone pioneer Ornette Coleman remains a contradictory and often misunderstood figure. His Texan origins are wrapped up in myths like those that Bob Dylan created around himself, and his theory of "harmolodics" is incomprehensible to all but his closest associates.

For 20 years he has divided his playing life between acoustic quartets and his electric band Prime Time, coupled with intense productivity as a composer for everything from symphony orchestras to solo instrumentalists. His current appearance at La Villette in Paris coincides with the first radical development in his playing career for years, the formation of a duo with the pianist Joachim Kühn, and the release of their first album, *Colors*, next week.

Coleman has a symbolic importance for Kühn, who was born in Leipzig. "When I was 14 I first heard his music in East Germany," says Kühn. "He played jazz without chord changes, and his freedom of expression really meant something to us. I knew I wanted to spend my life with this man's music, but it's taken 40 years for us finally to work together."

Kühn's own performances are among the most unpredictable of any European free improviser. He lives and plays close to the edge, freely admitting that for him, life itself is an improvisation. The alternating violence and compassion in his playing interlocks with Coleman's unconventional tonality and melodic ideas. After rehearsing six of Coleman's new pieces for several days before their Paris appearance, Kühn says he felt encouraged to play more freely than ever.

Coleman himself seems every inch the seasoned jazz musician, a long way from his iconoclastic image. Softly spoken, a leather pork-pie hat jammed on his head, he sports a remarkable suit adorned with buttons in the unlikeliest places. His conversation, rather like his playing, is a startling mix of direct penetrating observations and the bafflingly obscure. It takes only a few minutes before he starts banging on about harmolodics, yet despite his unorthodox views on musical notation he neatly sidesteps every direct question about his compositional method: "I try to communicate a musical philosophy which is that if Joachim can do better, he has the right to change it."

Ornette Coleman and Joachim Kühn mix well on some primary *Colors*

Just as Coleman appears to be drifting off into a discussion of how the same note possesses different sound qualities according to how it is notated (a key principle of harmolodics), his eyes suddenly snap open, and he starts a detailed discourse on the state of improvisation in jazz.

"Most jazz musicians follow maps to improvise," he says. "The right setting or framework for someone's imagination to work is as important as the imagination itself. My theory of harmolodics is about understanding the repetitions in playing, but making the notes creative, going through the maze to allow the individual to express freely their personal or collective thoughts."

Why, then, would Coleman seek to work in a duo with a pianist, using the very instrument that seems the antithesis of his principles of freedom?

"It's because Joachim doesn't play like a conventional pianist. He's almost a symphonist — all the parts he plays seem orchestrated. He doesn't play a supporting role, simply an equal one. The way he plays and the way I write fitted naturally. It's good that we made a record so people can hear structure, hear jazz, hear free music and hear composition in our playing."

Coleman turns every question round to suggest that his answer is what "you" think. He seems happier to talk about Kühn rather than himself. So when the mask slips it comes as a surprise. He always knew, he says, from the time a nightclub stabbing made him give up tenor and play the unfashionable alto, what kind of music he would play. When he told his mother, she asked acidly: "Do you think people are going to pay you for your soul?"

> ‘I knew I wanted to spend my life with this man's music’

It still hurts him that in his early days as an innovator, musicians he respected put down their instruments and walked off stage when he went to sit in with Clifford Brown's band, but he has learnt to be philosophical about it: "They didn't like what they didn't know."

When success eventually came, Coleman is quick to deny its importance. "It was just the opportunity to have a job. My early records were not what I think of as success. What I want to do all the time is things that I find interesting, musically, philosophically and religiously. People think that those who are called artists are somehow in a different category. I'd aspire to everyone being able to aspire to what is called art."

● *Colors* is released on Monday by Verve Records

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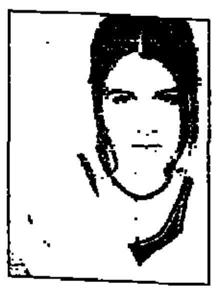


■ POP 5

Lipstick with attitude: *there's* a big market for the angry young women of the music business

■ POP 6

Mud. magic, and a *notable* absence of people called Tara: Glastonbury was a wet delight

THE TIMES ARTS POP

■ POP 7

Joy unconfined in Dublin. as the Blue Nile play a stunning concert in the Olympia

■ TOMORROW

Diana Ross reviewed as she opens her new British tour. and the weekend listings

Songs that sort the women from the girls

Alan Jackson, a worried man, looks at the current chart supremacy of the Angry Young Women, and their forebears

"I'm a bitch. I'm a lover. I'm a child. I'm a mother" — the multi-faceted Meredith Brooks leads the fashionably aggressive sloganeers

I hate the world today. So begins the song that is poised to top the American charts next week, and which is already causing radio programmers all over Britain to swoon with excitement. Its singer and writer, Oregon-born Meredith Brooks, is the latest successful example of an increasingly sought-after commodity in pop, the Angry Young Woman. Post-Sheryl, post-Alanis, there is a ready market for lipstick with attitude, and Brooks exploits it with bravura and precision. "I'm a bitch, I'm a lover, I'm a child, I'm a mother/I'm a saint, I'm a sinner . . . I do not feel ashamed." runs her anthem. And of her partner, she demands: "So take me as I am/This may mean you have to be a stronger man."

In interviews Brooks has been busily pointing out that the lyric is not simply a battle cry for those in the throes of "those scary PMT moments". She says: "It's more of a people song than anything: it's not just for girls. Guys can be bitches, you know? Bitchiness is just another emotion, and they feel it too. For example, when I was a child and fell down, it was OK to cry. Guys of the same age . . . the pressure was to get up, dust themselves off, and go back in to bat, without acknowledging that they were hurt. So while it may not be very safe for a guy to say 'I feel bitchy', they do feel it. The song is about taking off the mask and letting your true emotions show."

That its catalogue of the many moods and roles of everywoman (everyperson, if we accept Brooks's premise) has been so emphatically well-received suggests that it captures a certain spirit of the times: that it defines its audience's own would-be self-image as compellingly as did two other comparable songs, Peggy Lee's *I'm A Woman* back in 1963, and Helen Reddy's Grammy-winning *I Am Woman*, in 1972. Each acts as a cultural barometer for the particular times in which they were successful. Lee, for example, presented herself as prototype superwoman, able to feed an army, raise a family and satisfy her partner's every need — a male fantasy figure for those pre-feminist times. That she had her own expectations beyond mere compliance was made clear in the closing lines, however. "I can make a dress out of a feed-bag and I can make a man out of you," she warned us darkly.

> ❛ In the short term it is the loud and proud who capture the attention ❜

Reddy, meanwhile, was clever enough to make the burgeoning women's liberation movement palatable even to the almost exclusively male hierarchy dominating American radio in the early 1970s. "I am woman, hear me roar/In numbers too great to ignore," she sang prettily and, when rewarded with the Grammy for that year's Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female, thanked God in her acceptance speech, "because She makes everything possible". But these days, few would think of Reddy as one of the music industry's suffragettes: her message, such as it was, got lost amid the increasingly middle-of-the-road sound of her subsequent chart career. Lee too, though a jazz and showbusiness legend in her old age, could hardly be said to be a feminist icon. Both singers used a broad emotional palette in their work, rather than the angry red favoured so often by Morissette and, latterly, Brooks.

The fact that it is not coloured so obviously may be the reason why a subtler, more cleverly constructed song by another emergent American singer-writer, Paula Cole, has stalled just inside the Top Ten of the American Hot 100, rather than chased Brooks to its summit. *Where Have All The Cowboys Gone*, currently a modest hit here, is a beautifully written, insidiously melodic dissection of a generation of women's romantic and marital disillusionment — all this in four minutes, 25 seconds.

The protagonist, swept off her feet by courtship on the front porches and in a '50 Chevy, promises initially to do the laundry and raise the children, if her husband pays all the bills. Gradually, though, the reality of an imbalanced and increasingly uncommunicative relationship is revealed to her.

"I will wash the dishes, while you go have a beer," she then sings bitterly, the Chevrolet having long since been sold to absorb the financial impact of another baby, and two sets of dreams having been traded with it. "Where is my John Wayne?" is her summary lament in each chorus. "Where is my prairie sun? Where is my happy ending? Where have all the cowboys gone?" Comparable to Mary-Chapin Carpenter's *He Thinks He'll Keep Her* of three years ago, the power and resonance of Cole's song come not from fashionably aggressive sloganeering, but from a sense of being rooted in the day-to-day.

In the short term, though, it is the loud and proud which captures the most attention. Brooks's lyric seems, perhaps deliberately, too simplistic to me, and lazy: it offers no light and shade, just blocks of primary emotional colour, and presents its singer in a smug, self-justifying way. That said, it adds up to a superbly marketable piece of product: I can imagine women singing it to themselves, or aloud, and feeling empowered in a way that they would not by singing *Where Have All The Cowboys Gone* or any of the tracks on Shawn Colvin's excellent current album, *A Few Small Repairs*, a textbook example of how to write honest, self-analytical songs. That is Brooks's success then, and Morissette's before her. Maybe, as they say in America, it's just a girl thing.

● Bitch *by Meredith Brooks is released here as a single by Capitol/Parlophone on July 21; an album*, Blurring The Edges, *will follow*. Where Have All The Cowboys Gone *is on Warner Brother*.

Glastonbury '97: you just had to be there. You, 90,000 others, and no social butterflies getting stuck in the mud

And where was Tara? Gone with the wind

CAITLIN MORAN

Glastonbury could have done with more rain. No, really. When *The Sunday Times*'s Style section starts billing the primo outdoor freakfest as "part of the Season", the only thing able to put off all those Tara Beckwith-Pumpkin-Handbags is weather so inclement that Glastonbury starts to have its own tides.

Thankfully, this year Glastonbury turns into the Lost City of Atlantis. The creatively named Other Stage starts to sink, cancelling appearances by Divine Comedy, Kenickie and Sneaker Pimps. Record company executives bark into mobile phones, demanding that hapless secretaries "bike down" pairs of Barbour wellies "double quick": and small hippy children, suspended between parental hands, are dragged along so quickly that their boots are left behind in the oomska. The "It" girls are notable for their absence and, combined with the Blitz spirit that a world made of brown liquid creates, the atmosphere is one of Brits-in-adversity happiness.

Beck, decked out in rhinestone cowboy campness, and topping the Indie Totty List for the second year in a row, is lip-smackingly brilliant. *Where it's At* — wherein he reveals he's got "two turntables and a microphone" — is a hip hop hoedown in a beer-barn: geniu-joy splashed out wide and vibed.

Prodigy, however, are a lacklustre disappointment. When technical hitches force them offstage for 30 minutes, Dennis Pennis reveals himself as the bravest man in the world. Standing on a stage in front of 60,000 cold, muddy, disgruntled Prodigy fans, Pennis sings in Hebrew. When the Prodg's Maxim eventually returns to the stage, he self-righteously bellows "*Nothing*, not even a hurricane would stop us from playing here!" Well, I should hope not. You're being paid, played in a prime slot on BBC2, and if we all took that attitude, this column would have started "*Nothing*, not even wanting to watch *Richard and Judy*, has kept me from my word processor!" It's your job, you silly man.

Up in the Green Fields, meanwhile, a man in a Lycra jumpsuit is selling hot cider for 50p a cup. "Cider, cider," he yells. "The ivy of the Universe — it binds the soul and roots you to the earth."

In time, the mud becomes stickier yet slipperier. A French artist is sitting in the Stone Circle, wired to the moon and agog at what lies before him. "I work with clay and natural fibres — I have come to Glastonbury, and found that the whole world has turned into my canvas." In front of him are just under a hundred, painstakingly hand-rolled mud sausages. Later on, the French Damien Hirst shows his displeasure at Cast's addled Mersey-scuffle by hurling said mud sausages at lead bellower John Power. "At least I'm good at writing songs," Power huffs, incorrectly. "You're rubbish at throwing mud." On the word "mud", a particularly fulsome sausage hits him right in the crotch.

Not even a small lima-bean of the stuff is hurled at Radiohead, however, who headline to 60,000 tearful converts. *Paranoid Android* sounds like the dirtiest, deepest Martian-jam, and *No Surprises'* helplessly hopeful harmonies chime in at the same time as the fireworks bloom and spark in the night sky. The next day, every one of the Radiohead-at-Glastonbury T-shirts have sold out.

A man dressed as a fried egg spreads the rumour that dry land has been sighted near the Jazz Stage. Unfortunately, the lake in front of the Pyramid Stage is still liquid, and I stand in it to watch the Seahorses. Seahorses sound exactly like what they are — three former buskers and the Stone Roses' John Squire, a man who solos during the intro, first verse, chorus, second verse and outro. Each song lasts approximately 43 years.

At one point Chris Helme, the man Squire discovered with a pair of cymbals strapped to his knees outside Woolworths in Manchester, jumps down into the audience, to "up the vibe". From where I'm standing, it looks like he's having a flashback, and taking around his hat to collect spare change.

Pavement, on the Other Stage, are simply astonishing. The balmiest of FM Rock played on a detuned radio, Pavement cause the first patch of blue sky to appear in three weeks. The audience is momentarily distracted as they all take pictures of it.

Up in the Green Fields, the hot cider man is now selling cups of Souvenir Glastonbury Mud in sealed cups for 10p. I send one to Tara Gucci-Shoes Rich-Dad, with a note explaining that it's incredibly important that she and her "chums" never come to Glastonbury. They have the Cafe de Paris, and we have a field full of mud and magic. It would be unseemly for them to gatecrash Goonfest 1998.

Magic out of the blue

CONCERT

THERE are fleeting moments in the all-enveloping existential void when we feel we are not alone; when something or someone touches our very soul, when the world doesn't seem such a harsh place, when things seem to make sense. A tender, sloppy kiss can do the trick: so can a great pop concert. **The Blue Nile** gave such a concert last Tuesday night in Dublin's Olympia Theatre.

In their 13-year career, the Glaswegian band have recorded only three albums. The first two, 1984's *A Walk Across the Rooftops* and 1989's *Hats*, are flawless masterpieces. The third — last year's *Peace at Last* — is flawed, but contains at least two songs that could conceivably rank as their finest moments.

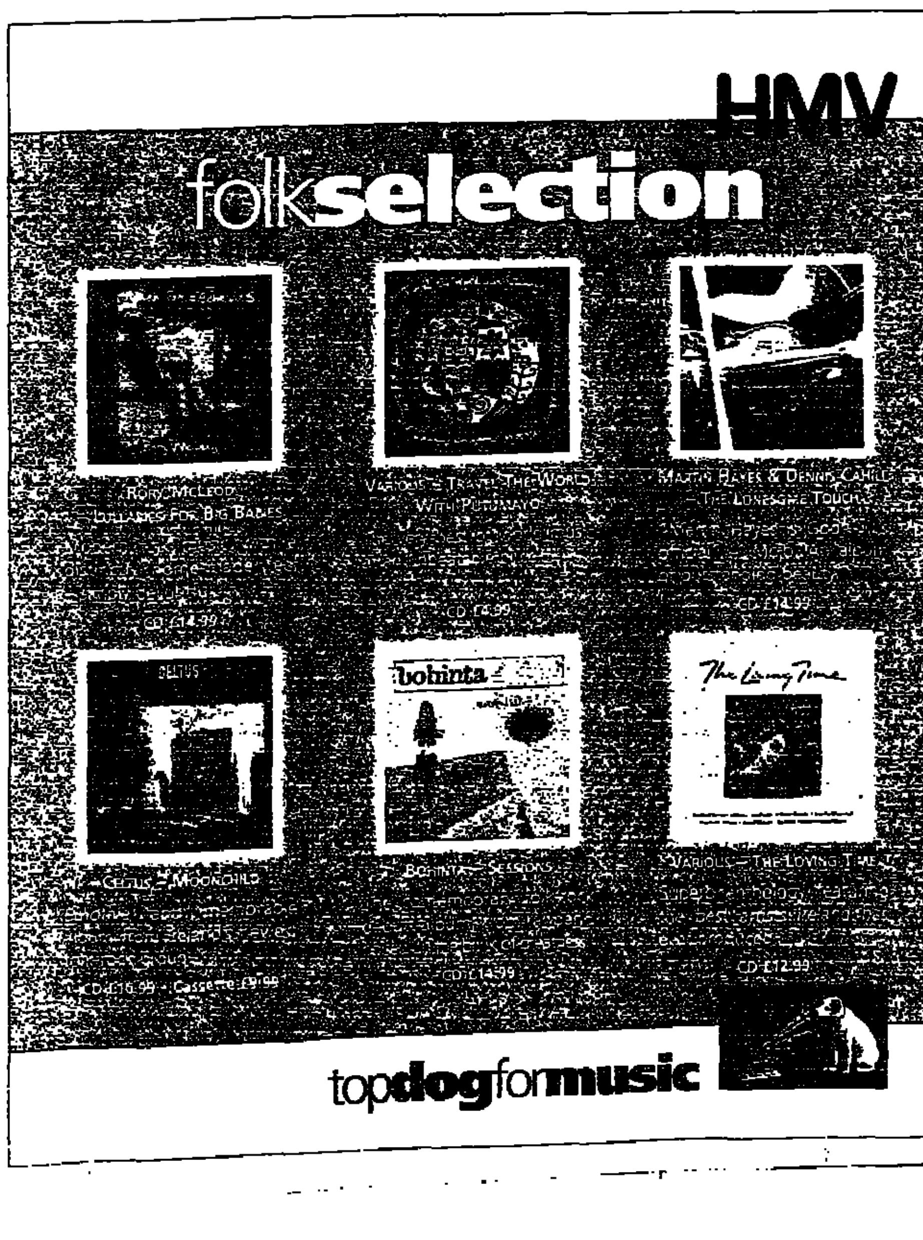
Exactly what it is that makes the Blue Nile so special, so magical, is hard to pinpoint. Why does the Mona Lisa's smile beguile? One can but stare in awe and wonder.

Lead singer Paul Buchanan's lyrics are often observational but have a lush, cinematic quality that somehow manages to imbue the most ostensibly unspectacular of activities — such as going into town on a Saturday night (*Saturday Night*), or watching a loved one read a novel or listen to the radio of a Sunday morning (*Easter Parade*) — with a significance and romanticism that can sweep the feet from under you.

As the moods shift, so does the stage lighting, and indeed the instruments used by the six musicians — a delicate acoustic guitar here, a caress of an ethereal keyboard there, all played with intense concentration and quiet joy.

The final encore, a mesmerising cover of the old standard, *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*, would have brought Tony Bennett himself to his feet. It certainly brought the Olympia crowd to theirs.

NICK KELLY



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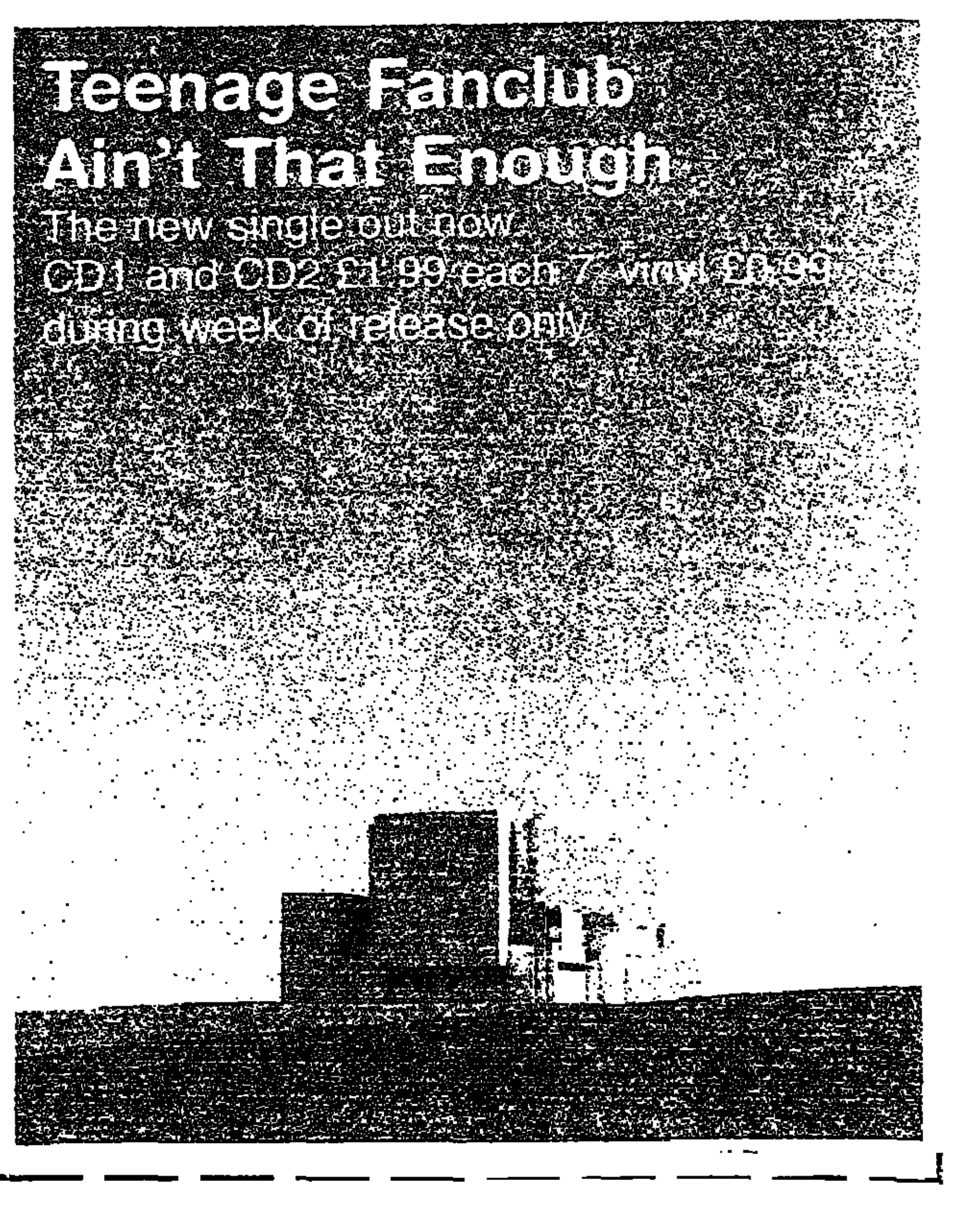

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VENUE: *Opens tonight* at the Old Vic

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■ CHOICE 3

Gala fundraiser: Sir Edward Heath conducts the English Chamber Orchestra

VENUE: Tomorrow in Salisbury Cathedral

■ DANCE

The stars step out for a gala to mark *the* 50th anniversary of the Royal Ballet School

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KENWOOD LAKESIDE. Hilan, Davan Wetton conducts the National Symphony Orchestra in the opening concert of the season. The programme includes music by Shostakovich, Khachaturian and Tchaikovsky, and Philip Martin plays Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2. The evening ends with Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody (with fireworks). **English Heritage Ticket Line** (0171-413 1443/344 4444). Tomorrow, 7.30pm

THE PROVOK'D WIFE: Michael Pennington and Victoria Hamilton play Sir John and Lady Brute, with Alison Steadman helping to complicate their marital difficulties, in Vanbrugh's pungent comedy. Lindsay Posner directs. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Tomorrow, 2.30pm. In rep

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THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL: The School is celebrating its 50th anniversary year with an open day, during which pupils will be taking part in demonstrations and open rehearsals, and members of the Royal Ballet Company will be in attendance. **White Lodge**, Richmond Park (0181-876 5547). Sunday, 10.30am-4.30pm.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

TURNAGE DOUBLE BILL: Nicholas Kok conducts the Orchestra of English National Opera in two new pieces by Mark-Anthony Turnage. *Twice Through the Heart*, a dramatic scena, tells the true story of a woman who stabbed her husband after suffering years of abuse. She reflects on her life from her prison cell. *The Country of the Blind*, to a libretto by Clare Venables, is based on a short story by H.G. Wells. With Sally Burgess, Thomas Randle and Regina Nathan. Directed by Emma Jenkins. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 8pm

ELSEWHERE

LEDBURY: John Hegley, George Melly, Sir Roy Strong, Wendy Cope, Patricia Brake and Peter Barkworth are among the artists taking part in the first **Ledbury Poetry Festival**. **Box Office** (01531 634156). Today to July 13.

CHELTENHAM: The **Cheltenham International Festival of Music** begins at 6pm tomorrow with live music and entertainment in Pittville Park. The evening continues with the BBC Philharmonic performing Brahms's symphonic cycle (Town Hall, 7.30pm). **Booking Office** (01242 227979). Until July 20

SALISBURY: Sir Edward Heath conducts the **English Chamber Orchestra** in a gala concert in aid of Salisbury Cathedral Trust. Murray Perahia joins the ECO for Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4, which is followed by Delius's romantic orchestral poem, *Walk to the Paradise Garden*, and Schubert's Fifth Symphony. **Salisbury Cathedral** (01722 333705). Tomorrow, 7.30pm

YORK: The **York Early Music Festival**, which this year celebrates the human voice, begins today with a performance by the Yorkshire Bach Choir of Bach's Mass in B minor in York Minster at 7.30pm. **York Early Music Festival** (01904 658338). Until July 13

LONDON GALLERIES

Gasworks: Forked Lightning and an Outbreak of Goosepimples (opens tomorrow) (0171-735 3445) . **Karsten Schubert:** Eadweard Muybridge (0171-631 0031) . **New Academy:** Susan Jayne Hocking (0171-323 4700) **Redfern:** Ann Christopher (0171-734 1732) . **Tate:** Henry Tate's Gift. A Centenary Celebration (0171-887 8000) **Whitechapel:** Cathy de Monchaux (0171-522 7888)

☐ **AFTER OCTOBER:** Dorothy Tutin in Rodney Ackland's first play, set in a Bohemian circle of hopeful no-hopers. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until July 19

☐ **ALWAYS:** Believe it or not, the King and Mrs Simpson story set to music, starring Jan Hartley and Clive Carter. **Victoria Palace**, Victoria Street, W1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **AMY'S VIEW:** Judi Dench and Samantha Bond in David Hare's new play, exploring a strong mother-daughter bond in the years from 1979. Richard Eyre directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep

▧ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST:** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **MARLENE:** Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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▧ **POPCORN:** Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A Tarantinoesque director gets his comeuppance when a couple of serial killers (great playing by Patrick O'Kane and Dena Davis) blame him for their misdeeds. Laurence Boswell directs. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF NICOLAS POUSSIN:** Seven solo performances by Neil Bartlett in what sounds a fascinating account of the body's journey through life inspired by Poussin's suite of seven paintings. Performed in a medical lecture room. **Royal London Hospital**, Whitechapel Road, E1 (0181-741 2311 — Lyric, Hammersmith). Tonight-July 7, 9pm

☐ **SKYLIGHT:** David Hare's witty and cogent play showing two moralities at odds, either the worldly-wise opposed to the idealistic, or perhaps the cynical matching the deluded. Now with Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet, directed by Richard Eyre. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE WEIR:** Following two plays that were principally monologues, Conor McPherson's latest is set in a bar in rural Ireland: the talk turns to ghosts, of which one girl (Julia Ford) has first-hand knowledge. Ian Rickson directs. **Royal Court (Ambassadors)**, West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Previews begin tonight, 8.30pm. Opens July 8, 7pm. July 9 also 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8.30pm. Until July 26.

LONG RUNNERS

■ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged):** Criterion (0171-369 1737) ▧ **Jesus Christ Superstar:** Lyceum (0171-656 1807) ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) ▧ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . ☐ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . ▧ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **CITY OF INDUSTRY** (18): Pretentious tale of criminals falling out in LA. With Harvey Keitel and Stephen Dorff. Director, John Irvin.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

JOUR DE FETE (U): French postman emulates American methods. Joyous revival of Jacques Tati's first feature *(1949), restored in colour.*
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◆ **ONE FINE DAY** (15): Two single parents juggle kids and careers. Beguiling comedy with George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Michael Hoffman.
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Plaza (0990-888 990)

◆ **RUMBLE IN THE BRONX** (15): Hong Kong cop hits trouble in New York. Rousing but dishevelled vehicle for action superstar Jackie Chan.
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

UNHOOK THE STARS (15): Middle-aged widow has time on her hands. Uneven but worthwhile drama with Gena Rowlands and Marisa Tomei. Director, Nick Cassavetes.
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◆ **BATMAN & ROBIN** (PG): Schwarzenegger's Mr Freeze tries to hold Gotham to ransom. Exhausting epic, with George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell and Uma Thurman. Director, Joel Schumacher.
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FRANTZ FANON: BLACK SKIN WHITE MASK: Absorbing, poetic portrait of the black intellectual. Director, Isaac Julien.
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◆ **PRIVATE PARTS** (18): Amusing portrait of outrageous radio personality Howard Stern's rise to fame.
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WHEN WE WERE KINGS (PG): Joyous Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Muhammad Ali, as he fights George Foreman. Director, Leon Gast.
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DANCE: **Debra Craine** reports on the Royal Ballet School's golden gala at Covent Garden

Madam's butterflies

Annual school performances are always a time for celebration. But this year's Royal Ballet School performance had more to celebrate than usual. It is 50 years since Dame Ninette de Valois's tiny school moved to its present site in west London, from where it established itself as one of the world's leading training institutions. And it is also the start of de Valois's centenary year — a year which ends with her 100th birthday next June. So Tuesday's golden jubilee was quite rightly dedicated to the formidable woman fondly known as Madam.

David Bintley's *pièce d'occasion*, *Le Festin de l'araignée* (*The Spider's Feast*), was his present to the Royal Ballet's founder. Set to Roussel's 1913 ballet score, it gave the students a suitable if slightly predictable vehicle to show off their skills as entertainers. Roussel's allegorical insect world is rich with character, but Bintley gave his cast of Mayflies, Caterpillars and Wasps too little detail to play with in the choreography.

Ruari Murchison's witty costumes helped enormously: the Caterpillars were dressed like Cio-Cio-San; the Wasps like First World War airmen. The set, with its gigantic white wicker chair and soft green backdrop, suggested a peaceful garden in which human beings are comfortably oblivious to the life-and-death struggles taking place in the grass.

Bintley's choreography also sought to challenge the physical strength of the students, with some tricky pointe work for the girls and even a little partnering for the boys. And all age groups were represented: the youngest made up the army of scurrying ants.

Jerry Douglas, white napkin at his throat, clearly had a great time as the Spider. He turned in a charmingly creepy performance as the arachnid who is desperate for a meal, and with his long limbs looked typecast for the part. Angela Paul, Imogen Wearing and Begona Cao were a lovely trio of Caterpillars, while Kenta Kura was an animated Praying Mantis. And Carol-Anne Millar, lead Mayfly, was a natural comedienne.

It was the turn of the grown-ups after the interval. Principals from the Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet, all graduates of the school, danced a series of divertissements from *Swan Lake*, *Coppélia*, *Giselle* and *The Sleeping Beauty*. Leanne Benjamin really went for it with her Giselle, and Darcey Bussell positively glowed in her Rose Adagio, despite having an apparent difference of opinion with the conductor Paul Murphy. Then it was the Defilé, with students, staff and dancers all paying tribute to de Valois. Princess Margaret joined them on the Covent Garden stage; a spotlight revealed the presence of Madam in the stalls circle; and the audience rose in wild appreciation of a living legend.

DEE CONWAY

Miniature world: the Mayflies in David Bintley's new ballet *Le Festin de l'araignée*

Puzzled in the park

OPERA

Don Pasquale
Holland Park

THE ways of opera companies are indeed weird and wonderful. European Chamber Opera's *Pasquale* is sung in Italian of varying degrees of comprehensibility — the cast is of course entirely English-speaking. I could detect no plane-loads of Italian tourists flooding into Holland Park on Tuesday, and anyway the Royal Borough's Libraries and Arts Services are presumably catering for audiences nearer home. With the best will in the world, these modestly gifted soloists are not about to be flown out to Bologna to substitute for ailing locals, so that's no excuse. Can anyone explain this bewildering *bêtise*?

The lack of communication between stage and auditorium naturally had its effect on Jamie Hayes's perky production: to prevent communal slumber, he had to rely on visual diversion rather than old-fashioned words and notes.

The programme said that the opera was set in Rome, but the action opened with Pasquale reading a London newspaper dating from 1963 with headlines about the Profumo scandal. As far as I could tell, this heralded no interesting dramaturgical subtext, merely an excuse for Norina and her circle to sport garish 1960s frocks, not all of them flattering to the wearers, and for the designer Will Bowen to decorate his neatly organised set with icons from the period — Che Guevara, Ringo Starr, Roy Lichtenstein et al.

Lack of communication was tacitly admitted in the use of extras: on the whole the main characters addressed their big solo numbers to other people on stage, not out to us. Alan Fairs started out promisingly as a bald, tweedy Pasquale — everyone's favourite uncle — but couldn't quite surmount the problem of having to turn into a completely different character in the second act, with purple velvet trousers, red shoes and a mangy wig. Naomi Harvey's brittle, commanding Norina failed to suggest much warmth of heart, and without that the action becomes creepier than it should be. The best singer on stage was Jeffrey Stewart, who has done valuable work for ETO and Opera North, but his brash, graceless and at times ill-tuned delivery of Ernesto's music should have been prevented.

The conductor Jonathan Tilbrook beat time efficiently without quite suggesting what it was about this glorious score that he wanted to communicate to an audience. But the audience seemed to love it all, so I'd better crawl back under my stone.

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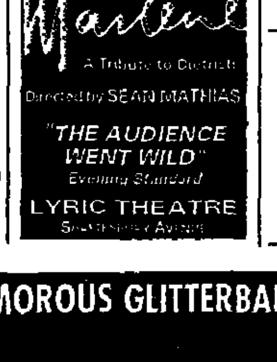

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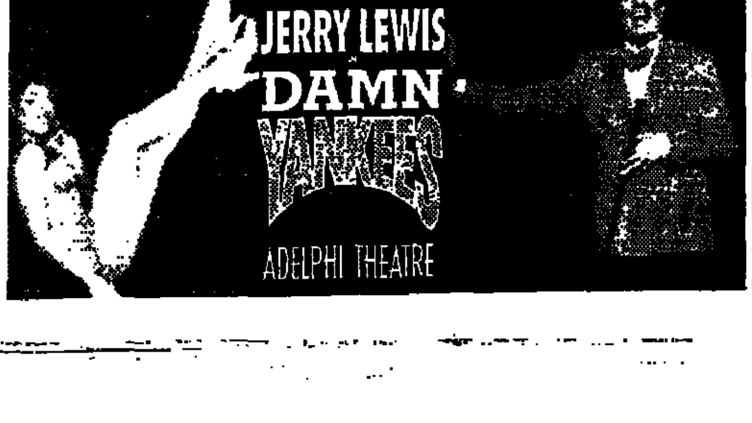

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Factors in sentencing for burglary

Regina v Brewster
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Regina v H (R)

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Maurice Kay and Mr Justice Timothy Walker

[Judgment June 27]

Domestic burglary was, and always had been regarded as a very serious offence. The seriousness of the offence could vary almost infinitely from case to case and sentences tended to reflect that.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill so stated when delivering the reserved judgment of the Court of Appeal on six appeals brought with leave of the single judge and heard together. All the appellants had pleaded guilty to offences of domestic burglary in having entered as trespassers with intent to steal or, having entered, had stolen.

Five of the appellants all appealed against prison sentences: Alex Edward Brewster aged 51, against nine years; Terence Thorpe, aged 33, against four years; Mark Ishmael, aged 32, against four years; Wayne Blanchard, aged 25, against two and a half years; and Michael Charles Woodhouse, aged 49, against two years. H(R), who was 15 at the time he committed four burglaries, was sentenced to four years detention under section 53(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.

Mr Giles Tippett for Brewster, Mr Timothy Becker for Thorpe, Mr Gareth E. Morley for Ishmael, Mr Martyn Levett for Blanchard, Mr Nicholas Hamblin for Woodhouse, Mr Peter I. Clark for H(R), all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr David Perry for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the offences referred to in section 9(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968 were: stealing anything in the building, or inflicting grievous bodily harm on or raping any person in the building, or doing unlawful damage to the building or its contents.

Where the building was a dwelling house, the maximum sentence was 14 years imprisonment.

For aggravated burglary where the burglar had with him a firearm or imitation firearm, or an offensive weapon or any explosive, and for robbery involving the use or threat of force, the maximum sentence was life imprisonment.

Noteworthy was the fact that in 1991, when the maximum penalty for non-domestic burglary was reduced to 10 years, the maximum penalty for dwelling-house burglary was left unaltered.

His Lordship reviewed the current pattern of offending and sentencing and continued that the prison population was growing rapidly. From a total of 48,000 in April 1994, it had climbed to nearly 61,000. Some 10,000 of them were domestic burglaries.

As to the framework of sentencing, by section 1(2)(a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, the court could not ordinarily pass a custodial sentence on an offender unless it was of the opinion that the offence, or the combination of the offence and one or more offences associated with it, as defined in section 31(2), was so serious that only such a sentence could be justified for the offence: *R v Bradbourn* ((1985) 7 Cr App R (S) 180; *R v Cox* ([1993] 1 WLR 188).

That test had been criticised as imprecise, which it was; but it was not easy to devise a more satisfactory test. *Cox* confirmed that the court was not required to pass a custodial sentence even when the criterion of seriousness was satisfied.

In considering the seriousness of the offence the court was permitted by section 29 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 to take into account any previous convictions of the offender and any failure to respond to previous sentences and it required the court to treat commission of the offence while on bail as an aggravating factor. The prevalence of an offence had been held to affect its seriousness and was legitimate to consider in determining a custodial sentence's length: *R v Cunningham* ([1993] 1 WLR 183).

When a court was sentencing a young offender, almost always it would be appropriate to impose a shorter sentence than would be imposd on an adult, and a deterrent sentence on a young offender might be imposed provided it was commensurate with the seriousness of the offence: *Cunningham*.

Under section 48 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 a court deciding sentence on an offender who pleaded guilty was required to take into account the stage in the proceedings at which the offender indicated his intention to plead guilty and the circumstances in which the indication was given.

As to the offence: domestic burglary was and always had been regarded as a very serious offence. Even when it did not involve considerable loss the victim, might lose possessions of particular value to him or her.

Insured financial compensation did not replace what was lost. Uninsured victims because they might have fewer possessions, were more seriously injured by the loss of those they did have.

The loss of material possessions was, however, only part and often a minor part of the reason why domestic burglary was a serious offence. Most people legitimately attached importance to the privacy and security of their own homes. That an intruder should break in or enter for his own dishonest purposes left the victim with a sense of violation and insecurity.

Even when the victim was unaware at the time that the burglar was in the house, it could be a frightening experience to learn that a burglary has taken place, all the more frightening if the victim was in the house when the burglary took place and if the intrusion took place at night.

That did not mean the offence was not serious if the victim returned to an empty house during the daytime to find that it had been burgled.

The seriousness of the offence could vary almost infinitely from case to case. It might involve an impulsive act involving an object of little value, reaching through a window to take a bottle of milk, or stealing a can of petrol from an outhouse.

At the other end of the spectrum it might involve a professional, planned organisation, directed at objects of high value, or the offence might be deliberately directed at the elderly, the disabled or the sick, and it might involve repeated burglaries of the same premises. It might sometimes be accompanied by acts of wanton vandalism.

The offender's record was of more significance in the case of domestic burglars whose records showed that, from an early age, they had behaved as predators preying on their fellow citizens, returning to their trade almost as soon as each prison sentence had been served. Such defendants had to receive substantial terms of imprisonment.

There were, however, other domestic burglars whose activities were different in character, whose careers might lack any element of persistence or deliberation. They were entitled to more lenient treatment.

Many domestic burglars were drug addicts who burgled and stole in order to raise money to satisfy their craving for drugs. Self-induced addiction could not be relied on as mitigation.

Generally speaking, domestic burglaries were the more serious if they were of occupied houses at night; the result of professional planning, organisation or execution; targeted at the elderly, the disabled and the sick; if there were repeated visits to the same premises; if they were committed by persistent offenders; accompanied by vandalism or any wanton injury to the victim; shown to have a seriously traumatic effect on the victim; if the offender operated as one of a group; if goods of high value, whether actual or sentimental, were targeted or taken; if force was used or threatened; if there was a pattern of repeat offending.

It mitigated the seriousness of the offence if the offender pleaded guilty, particularly if the plea was indicated at an early stage and there was hard evidence of genuine regret and remorse.

Their Lordships had been referred to a large number of sentencing decisions on domestic burglary over the past 20 years. *R v Edwards; R v Brandy* (*The Times* July 1, 1996), if read more literally than the court intended, could be understood as making too sharp a distinction between occupied and unoccupied houses and as pointing towards what might in some cases be too low a level of sentence.

An overall survey of the cases showed:

1 Burglary of a dwelling-house, occupied or unoccupied, was not necessarily and in all cases an offence of such seriousness that a non-custodial sentence could not be justified.

2 The decision whether a custodial sentence was required, and if so the length of such sentence, was heavily dependent on the aggravating and mitigating features and, usually, to a lesser extent, the personal circumstances of the offender.

3 The courts, particularly the higher courts, had generally reflected in their sentences the abhorrence with which the public regarded those who burgled the houses of others.

His Lordship then turned to detailed consideration of the individual appeals and stated that in each case the appeal of Brewster, Thorpe, Ishmael, Blanchard and Woodhouse was dismissed.

As to H(R), to describe his personal history as tragic was an understatement. He had become addicted to crack cocaine. With hesitation and anxiety their Lordships had concluded that the case was so exceptional that the interests of justice tipped the scales in favour of quashing the sentence and substituting a supervision order.

No one should interpret the judgment as detracting from the general rule that there was no mitigation in drug addiction as the motivation for crime. Their Lordships were also conscious of the fact that H(R) had served the equivalent of a four-month sentence.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Dividing partnership profits on dissolution

Popat v Shonchhatra

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Evans and Sir Ralph Gibson

[Judgment June 25]

The capital and revenue profits of a partnership that were realised after its dissolution were divisible equally between the partners pursuant to section 24 of the Partnership Act 1890 and not in shares corresponding to the partners' respective shares of the capital of the partnership as at the date of dissolution.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Rajendra Popat, against part of the judgment in favour of the defendant, Dinesh Shonchhatra, by Mr David Neuberger, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division (*The Times* May 4, 1995; [1995] 1 WLR 908).

Section 24 of the 1890 Act provides: "The interests of partners in the partnership property and their rights and duties in relation to the partnership shall be determined ... by the following rules: (1) All the partners are entitled to share equally in the capital and profits of the business, and must contribute equally towards the losses..."

Mr Aditya Kumar Sen for the plaintiff; Mr Marc Beaumont, who did not appear below, for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the parties were in partnership together in the business of a newsagent from September 1989 to January 1990. The business was carried on at leasehold premises, the lease having been assigned to the partners in joint names, together with fixtures and fittings and the goodwill of the business.

The cost of acquiring those assets was funded by bank loans and by £4,564 from the plaintiff and £23,064 from the defendant. £2,700 of the plaintiff's contribution was funded by a loan from the defendant.

The partnership was at will and, was determined by the plaintiff on January 10, 1990. Thereafter the defendant carried on the business on his own and in July 1990 purchased the freehold of the premises for £80,000. Two and a half years after the dissolution of the partnership, the premises, together with the goodwill and the fixtures and fittings were sold by the defendant at a profit.

The plaintiff sought the discharge of declarations made in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the judge's order and the substitution therefor of declarations that the freehold of the partnership premises and the post-dissolution capital profits were held and were to be apportioned respectively between the partners in equal shares.

To answer the questions thus arising, it was necessary to restate basic principles as to first, the distinction between the capital of a partnership and its assets, and, second, the nature and size of a partner's share of the assets.

In 1989, when the leasehold premises, fixtures and fittings and the goodwill were acquired they became "partnership property" to be held and applied exclusively for the purposes of the partnership pursuant to section 20(1) of the 1890 Act.

Although it was customary to speak of a partner's "share" of the partnership assets: that was not an accurate description of his interest in them, in all events so long as the partnership was a going concern.

While each partner had a proprietary interest in each and every asset he had no entitlement to any specific asset. On dissolution the position was in substance not much different, the partnership property falling to be applied in accordance with sections 39 and 44 of the Act.

Turning to the size of a partner's share, the opening words of section 24 generated an expectation that its subsequent provisions would prescribe the entitlement, subject to any agreement, of the partners to share in the partnership property.

On further perusal, that expectation was disappointed, subsection (1) referring only to "the capital and profits of the business" and none of the other subsections being relevant.

It was thus necessary to have resort to the rule, established well before the 1890 Act and no doubt recognised by section 24, that, subject to any agreement, all the partners were entitled to share equally in the partnership property: see *Lindley & Banks on Partnership* (16th edition (1990) pp540-542).

It was thus implicit that "capital" in section 24(1) could not be construed so as to include the partnership property. The view of the current editor of *Lindley & Banks*, Mr R. C. I'Anson Banks, that "capital" should be given its normal meaning was correct.

But doubtless the slightest indication of an implied agreement between the partners that their shares of capital should correspond with their contributions to it would suffice to displace the provision that they were entitled to share equally.

The plaintiff did not suggest that he was entitled to share equally in the capital of the partnership. His case depended not on "capital" in section 24(1) but on "profits" which clearly included capital as well as revenue profits.

Thus, in summary, the position was that at all material times the plaintiff and the defendant were entitled to share in the capital of the partnership in proportions corresponding to their respective contributions to the cost of acquiring the leasehold premises, fixtures, fittings and the goodwill of the business but that they were entitled to share equally in the assets of the partnership.

It followed that the judge ought to have directed a division of the revenue profits during the post-dissolution period between the partners in equal shares. Likewise he should have held the parties be entitled to equal shares in the capital profits made on the sale in 1992.

Finally, the judge erred in holding that the defendant held the freehold of the premises in trust for the partners in the proportions in which they were entitled to share in the assets. For the reasons already stated, he ought to have held that the freehold was held in trust for the partners in equal shares.

Lord Justice Evans and Sir Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Simmons, Borehamwood; Seymour Major & Co, Wealdstone.

Restricted reporting order made without jurisdiction

In re A v B, Ex parte News Group Newspapers Ltd

Before Mr Justice Morison

[Judgment June 27]

A restricted reporting order made by the President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal in an appeal from a decision of an industrial tribunal upholding a complaint of sexual harassment by a transsexual was discharged on the application of a newspaper group on the ground that it was not made within the statutory jurisdiction of the appeal tribunal.

Section 31(2) of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996 defined the circumstances in which a restricted reporting order forbidding the press from publishing anything which might reveal the identity of the parties named in the originating application could be made by the appeal tribunal: namely, on appeals from an industrial tribunal's grant or refusal to grant a restrictive reporting order or appeals from interlocutory decisions of the tribunal where the tribunal had made such an order, and that since neither circumstance applied in the present case the order should not have been made.

Mr Justice Morison so held at the Employment Appeal Tribunal on an application by News Groups Newspapers Ltd on February 24, 1997, with regard to a complaint of sexual harassment by the applicant, A, against her employers, B, which had been subject to a restricted reporting order before the industrial tribunal and also on appeal.

The ground of the application was that the appeal tribunal did not have the power to make such an order in the circumstances of the case.

Ms Gillian Phillips, solicitor, for News Group; Mr John Bowers for the employers; Ms Stephanie Harrison for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE MORISON said that there were several questions to be addressed:

Were the press entitled to make representations to the appeal tribunal about a restricted reporting order and if so in what circumstances?

What was the proper construction of section 31(2) of the 1996 Act?

Whether the appeal tribunal had an inherent power to make an order.

Whether the decision of the industrial tribunal on the complaint was interlocutory and whether the appeal tribunal's order should be discharged.

Whenever the press wished to make representations about a gagging order made by the appeal tribunal, it should apply to be joined as a party. The application would not be automatically granted. A good case for joinder would have to be made.

Of the appeal tribunal's own motion, News Group Newspapers had been joined as a party at the outset of the proceedings and in those circumstances Ms Harrison's submission that the press had no standing to make submissions became unsustainable.

The natural reading of section 31(2) was that it defined the circumstances in which the Employment Appeal Tribunal Rules (SI 1993 No 2854) might provide for the making of a restricted reporting order.

Parliament had authorised rules to be made which permitted a restricted reporting order to be made in those circumstances which section 31(2) had specified: appeals from a tribunal's grant or refusal to grant a restricted reporting order or appeals from interlocutory decisions of the tribunal where the industrial tribunal had made such an order.

Neither of the two circumstances in which there was power to make a restricted reporting order obtained.

There was a good argument for saying that the appeal tribunal had an inherent jurisdiction to make a restricted reporting order. But if, as his Lordship believed, Parliament had weighed the circumstances in which it would be appropriate to make a gagging order, it would be difficult to justify resorting to an inherent jurisdiction to extend those circumstances.

On the issue of the nature of the industrial tribunal's decision Ms Harrison submitted that the industrial tribunal had reached a decision on liability but not on remedy, and that since it had not made a determination of the originating application the appeal was against an interlocutory decision.

But his Lordship considered that under no technical definition of an interlocutory decision could it be said that the tribunal's decision on liability was such a decision.

The order was not made within the statutory jurisdiction of the appeal tribunal and should be discharged.

Once a decision of an industrial tribunal had been entered in the register, the appeal tribunal should not try to shut the stable door. It would be open to any newspaper to inspect the register and look at the decision on liability and see the names of the parties. That order protected the identity of the persons named in the order until after the decision had been promulgated.

But for the fact that the industrial tribunal had made a further order when it announced its decision purporting to protect the identity of the parties, the press would have been able to have given a full report of the proceedings. The question of the effect and lawfulness of that order had not arisen for argument.

Ms Phillips had accepted that until that had been clarified the newspapers she represented would not report the names.

His Lordship did not consider that, without evidence, there could be any ground for protecting for ever a person's identity merely because he or she was a transsexual.

News Group were right to ask his Lordship to intervene and to do so by becoming a party to the proceedings. The appeal in respect of which he had made a restricted reporting order was not one which permitted the making of such an order.

Solicitors: Ms Gillian Phillips, Wapping; Cheyney Goulding, Guildford; Tyndallwoods, Birmingham.

Using head as a weapon

Regina v Rigg

Although head-butting did not technically involve the use of a weapon, the head was nonetheless a dangerous and effective substitute for a weapon and a very serious view would be taken of using the head in such a way.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Sedley) so held on May 15 in allowing an appeal by Kenneth Mark Rigg against a sentence of 30 months imprisonment imposed in December 1996 by Judge Holman at Manchester Crown Court on his conviction of unlawful wounding contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861. The sentence was reduced to two years.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the court took a very serious view of head-butting and also of such attacks against a publican who had the task of clearing his public house at closing time without any trouble. However, in *R v Clarke* ((1992) 13 Cr App R (S) 640), a similar case, a two-year sentence was reduced on appeal to one year.

Their Lordships thought Clarke had been fortunate indeed in his final sentence but accepted that the case provided some assistance to this appellant and with some hesitation were prepared to reduce his sentence by six months.

'Offence' does not include conspiracy

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Gilmore and Another

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill

[Judgment June 6]

The phrase "an offence under the Act" could not be construed so as to include a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Act.

The repeal of the Extradition Act 1870 did not free the Anglo-American Extradition Treaty from the constraints of Schedule 1 to that Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when allowing applications for judicial review by James Bell Gilmore of a decision by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on December 6, 1996 to issue an order to proceed under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 1 to the Extradition Act 1989 in respect of offences of conspiracy to commit offences under the Theft Act 1968 and conspiracy to defraud, and by Andrew Olabayo Ogun of a decision by the secretary of state on January 29, 1997 to issue an order to proceed under the same provision in respect of similar offences.

Miss Clare Montgomery, QC, for Mr Gilmore; Mr John Hardy for Mr Ogun; Mr James Lewis for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that the United States government sought the extradition of the two applicants for conspiracies to defraud and to commit offences under the 1968 Act. The issue was whether those named offences of conspiracy were extradition crimes.

It was first contended by Mr Lewis that the offences of conspiracy had always been extradition crimes within Schedule 1 of the Extradition Act 1870. That Schedule, as amended by the Schedule to the Extradition Act 1873 and Schedule 2, Part II to the 1968 Act, included offences under the 1968 Act, but not conspiracy to defraud or to contravene the 1968 Act contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977, as substituted by section 5 of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981.

Mr Lewis had argued, relying on the words of Lord Diplock in *In Re Nielson* ([1984] 1 AC 606, 615A), that the words of Schedule 1 to the 1870 Act were broad enough to include the conspiracy offences.

His Lordship referred to *Government of the United States of America v Bowe* ([1990] 1 AC 500, 521), also dealing with Schedule 1 to the 1870 Act, where Lord Lowry had said: "Where the description of the listed offence is specific, as with rape, perjury, arson, burglary or murder, the offence of a conspiracy or an attempt to commit those offences cannot be included in the list by implication..."

His Lordship respectfully agreed with Lord Lowry. In his Lordship's judgment the expression "an offence under the Act" could not be construed so as to include a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Act.

The second submission of Mr Lewis was that the repeal of the 1870 Act by section 37(1) of and Schedule 2 to the Extradition Act 1989 had the effect of freeing the Anglo-American Treaty, which was brought into operation by the United States of America (Extradition) Order (SI 1976 No 2144), from the constraints imposed by Schedule 1 to the 1870 Act.

Therefore, so it had been argued, the relevant definition of "extradition crimes" must now be in either the Anglo-American Treaty, or Section 2 of the 1989 Act. That submission failed because the procedures of the 1870 Act were preserved by the 1989 Act.

The relevant definition of "extradition crimes" in paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to the 1989 Act was to be construed, according to that paragraph, by reference to the relevant Order in Council under the 1870 Act, which was the 1976 Order as it had effect immediately before the coming into force of the 1989 Act. Paragraph 3 of that Order provided that the 1870 Act should apply as amended and extended by subsequent enactments.

The Treaty was not freed from the 1870 Act and could limit but not extend the Schedule 1 list. Parliament intended Schedule 1 of the 1870 Act to continue to have effect after the 1989 Act came into force.

Therefore the applications would be allowed and the orders to proceed quashed.

Lord Justice Astill agreed.

Solicitors: Reynolds Dawson; Thanki Novy Taube; Treasury Solicitor.

Power not designed to end deadlock

Ross v Telford and Another

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment June 24]

The power of the court under section 371 of the Companies Act 1985 to order a meeting was a procedural provision not designed to affect shareholders' voting rights or to shift the balance of power between shareholders so as to resolve deadlock between two equal shareholders.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Mrs Elaine Telford, a 50 per cent shareholder of Linkside Development Co Ltd, from an order of Judge Howarth, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division at Manchester District Registry on November 18, 1996, that had the effect of enabling Mr Peter Leslie Ross, the other 50 per cent shareholder of the company, together with his solicitor, to outvote Mrs Telford on the board of the company.

Section 371 of the 1985 Act provides:

"(1) If for any reason it is impracticable to call a meeting of a company in the manner in which meetings of that company may be called, or to conduct the meeting in manner prescribed by the articles or this Act, the court may ... order a meeting to be called, held and conducted in any manner the court thinks fit.

"(2) Where such an order is made, the court may give such ancillary or consequential directions as it thinks expedient; and these may include a direction that one member of the company present in person or by proxy be deemed to constitute a meeting..."

Mr Richard Lander for Mrs Telford; Mr Robert Sterling for Mr Ross.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the question was whether section 371 was an appropriate vehicle for resolving deadlock between two equal shareholders. Relying on *In re Opera Photographic Ltd* ([1989] 1 WLR 634) and *In re Sticky Fingers Restaurant Ltd* ([1991] BCC 754) Mr Sterling said it was.

But those two decisions went no further than showing that the court could make orders so as to prevent a minority shareholder from using quorum tactics to stop a majority shareholder from exercising the voting rights attached to his shares.

It did not follow from them that the court could make an order so as to permit a 50 per cent shareholder to override the wishes of the other 50 per cent shareholder. That was the result of the order made by the judge.

Mr Lander relied on what he called the principle of the thing, which was that section 371 was a procedural section not designed to affect substantive voting rights or to shift the balance of power between shareholders in a case where they had agreed that power should be shared equally and where the potential deadlock was something which had to be taken to have been agreed on with the consent and for the protection of each of them.

Similarly, there no power under section 371 to override a potential deadlock at board or general meeting level which had to be taken to have been imposed with the consent and for the protection of the two equal shareholders.

The judge had no jurisdiction to regulate the affairs in the way he did.

Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Phillips agreed.

Solicitors: Davis Blank Furniss, Manchester; Taylors, Blackburn.

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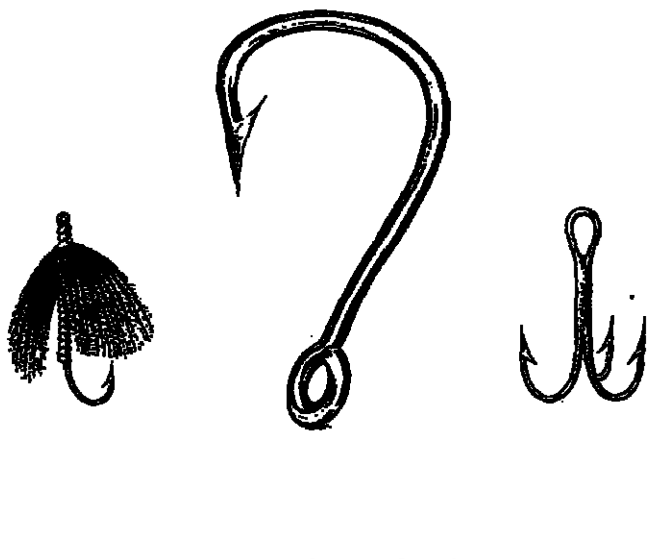

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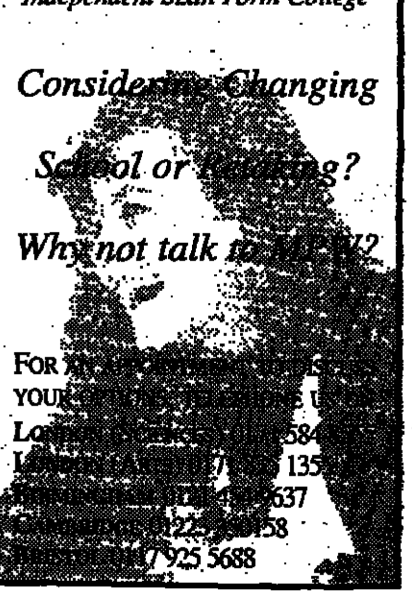

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EDUCATION

On with the revolution

Ray Cowell sets out the fundamental challenge for the Dearing inquiry into higher education

Expectations are running high, but it seems unlikely that the recommendations of Sir Ron Dearing's inquiry into higher education later this month will be either revolutionary or revelatory. Nor should they be. The past decade has already witnessed a radical revolution in the size and nature of higher education. A key task of the Dearing inquiry was to learn the long-term lessons of that revolution, and to incorporate them into an affordable vision of the place of higher education within regional and national agenda.

This, it should not be forgotten, is the third big education inquiry chaired by Sir Ron. It will complete the broad objectives set out in the earlier reports, which established, for the five-to-19 age groups, a clear framework of qualifications, skills, targets and agencies for an education system in tune with the needs of modern citizenship and global competitiveness.

Acknowledging E.M. Forster, my university, in its submission to Dearing, advised: "Only connect." Predictably, some parts of the higher education community will wish to disconnect, stratify and fragment.

The key elements of a "post-Dearing" higher education system already exist; the task now is to "connect" them, in every sense of that word, including electronically. We do not need any new "big ideas", only a willingness to build on the revolution of the past decade. A few examples spring to mind.

Many universities have pioneered links with further education in ways that provide diverse and lifelong opportunities for learners of all ages, often from deprived backgrounds. Such developments have taken place through local and regional partnerships. These initiatives must be nurtured. The higher education dimension of the training and enterprise councils (Tecs) particularly needs further development. The imposition of, for example, North American community college models could be damaging. Many of these FE/HE relationships are already capable of developing two-year associate degrees at GNVQ level 4, their quality assured and their student progression routes defined by the FE/HE partners.

Another key element of the report is likely to be the place of higher education within a broad regional agenda. In a few special cases, such regionalism might be enhanced through institutional mergers, but there are larger issues at stake. Genuine regionalism should focus on higher education's contribution to wide regional agenda, focused on such issues as urban regeneration, the environment, inward investment and skills audits, all involving connections and partnerships that build on the innovations of the past decade.

The compulsory professional training of lecturers is another likely recommendation. The temptation will be to bring in a new broom and set up a uniform system of accreditation. A better way forward would be to take account of the pioneering work in professional qualifications and staff development already undertaken, and to graft onto such stock a vigorous and co-ordinated lifelong system of professional training and development. The work many universities have undertaken, through Investors in People, the Universities and Colleges Staff Development Agency and the Staff and Educational Development Association, can be strengthened into a demanding set of professional qualifications.

IT lessons: part of a framework for an education system in tune with the needs of modern citizenship

The importance of "key" graduate skills and employability will also loom large. Sandwich courses and work-based/experimental learning provide a widely valued basis for the introduction of advanced vocational qualifications that would reconcile academic and vocational concerns.

Underpinning all the report's recommendations should be a determination to establish and verify rigorous standards. Here the "post-Dearing" debate should focus on threshold-graduate standards, not on the elusive quest for exact comparability. The much-maligned external examiner system is capable of being strengthened to provide the assurance that the Government will seek. Employers would also welcome the introduction of graduate profiles, supplementing the existing degree classification system by describing assessed learning outcomes in, for example, communication, IT, teamworking and the other foundation skills for lifelong learning.

If such a higher education system can be made accessible and affordable through, for example, a "learning bank", with individual learning accounts funded by individual, Government, and employer contributions, then the recent policy uncertainties underlying the period of "consolidation" could give way to affordable and equitable expansion towards 40 per cent 18 to 21 participation as advocated by the CBI, and lifelong learning opportunities.

In short, there is no need to rerun the debates of the 1980s, or to marginalise the achievements of that decade. Higher education, at present, resembles nothing so much as a vast jigsaw that requires simply patience, co-operation and ingenuity to transform into a millennial vision.

We are not awaiting a radical report such as the 1960s Robbins committee's, but one that, properly interpreted, will help us to place higher education within the mainstream of national life. The big ideas of the future are about establishing a learning society, learning organisations, a "university for industry" and the related electronic learning networks. They all depend on a higher education sector that has the confidence, and resources, to engage in vigorous dialogue with society at large.

A learning society beckons. If universities can, with Dearing's help, learn from the past decade, their place within that society will be central and creative. Dearing can confidently be expected to focus the issues but it will not change the fundamental challenge — of grasping and taking forward the full social implications of the recent higher education revolution.

● *The author is Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University.*

Heads against a brick wall

Poor pay is only one reason some schools are finding it hard to recruit, says **John Rae**

Schools are facing a crisis of leadership. The calibre of the head teacher is the most important factor that determines whether a school flourishes or declines; yet we are allowing a situation to develop where headships are lying vacant because people with the right qualities are no longer interested in applying for the posts.

Nationally, 21 per cent of heads' posts have to be readvertised; the figure for London primary schools is 50 per cent. One reason for this is that many heads have simply had enough, and there has been a dramatic increase in those taking early retirement.

In the independent sector, vacant headships are rare, but many schools report difficulties in drawing up a workable shortlist. Independent heads, too, are retiring early or seeking jobs outside education. Headhunters who recently moved into the education field were surprised at how many inquiries they received from independent heads wanting to leave the profession.

So what is going wrong? The National Association of Head Teachers believes that in state schools it is a question of money, and that heads' salaries are "not worth the candle". They are, it claims, falling 11 per cent behind industry managers' pay. The head of a state secondary school earns on average £46,000, whereas many heads of independent senior schools earn more than £80,000. The average salary of a state primary head is £31,000, which would be viewed with derision by anyone applying to be head of an independent junior school.

Better salaries may well improve the recruitment situation in state schools, but there is another and possibly more fundamental reason why fewer people are attracted to the job, and that is the increased tension between the head and the governing body.

Though state and independent schools have different constitutions, the cause of this tension is the same: who is responsible for running the school? The last Government gave too much power to governors of state schools to the point that they can, if they wish, usurp the head's role. To make the job worthwhile, the head, though accountable to the governing body, must be solely responsible for running the school. Governors, however hard-working, are amateurs and should have no role in professional matters such as the appointment of staff.

If David Blunkett wants to improve the flow of good candidates for headships of state schools, he should review not only the salaries but the balance of power between the head and the governors. There is no sign that this is one of the Secretary of State's priorities, but there will never be enough men and women of ability coming forward until heads are given the freedom and authority to do the job without amateur intervention.

The constitutions of independent schools make it clear that the head is the chief executive, but as the competition intensifies, some governing bodies are seeking ways to exert greater control over the running of the school. More than ever, heads are in conflict with their governing body.

Some hawkish governors want to treat their heads like football managers. In a recent case a head was offered only a two-year contract. The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC), which has opposed fixed-term contracts, has been forced to accept an increasing number of contracts for ten years or less.

This is now a big deterrent for men and women thinking of applying for the headship of an independent school. They fear they may be out in the cold long before they can draw their pension. Very few independent heads have found worthwhile jobs outside education. They are seen, unfairly perhaps, not as team players but absolute monarchs who would be difficult to fit into an organisation.

The truth is that the skills required to be a successful head do not transfer easily to other jobs. Short-term contracts have brought this problem into focus, yet neither HMC nor the Governing Bodies Association has given thought to a solution. The Armed Services have long recognised that if people are to be attracted to short-term contracts, they will need help to find a job when the contract ends. If the independent sector continues to ignore this issue, the supply of good heads will continue to dry up.

The idea of the head as an endangered species will provoke incredulity in the staffroom and mirth behind the bicycle sheds, but it could become a reality if governors interfere too much or care too little about the head they have discarded. A national professional qualification for headship may improve the head's management skills, but it is the men and women with that extra quality — vision, charisma, force of personality — who are most likely to be deterred if the head is expected to be the governing body's poodle.

● *The author is a former chairman of HMC. His* Letters to Parents *will be published in January.*

Schools 1, colleges 0

Gordon Brown's surprise boost for education in Wednesday's Budget confirmed in stark terms the new Government's priorities. Schools would be bailed out to the tune of more than £1 billion next year; universities and colleges get nothing.

The settlement offers proof, if any was needed, that university students are about to face tuition fees. It is also bad news in the short term; at least, for further education, which made its own high-profile case for better treatment only hours before Mr Brown spoke.

By an accident of timing, July has turned out to be education policy month. Helena Kennedy, QC, published her report on further education this week, the schools White Paper will follow on Monday and Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education will complete the set before the end of the month.

The clear message from the Budget was that Tony Blair's promise to make "education, education and education" the top priorities for his Government applied first and foremost to schools. Further and higher education would have to find new sources of funding — graduates and employers — to tackle their problems.

Labour made it clear before the election that any new resources would be concentrated on the younger age groups. The Budget contained a nod in the direction of universal nursery education, as well as enough new money to convince teachers that the new Government really would offer support as well as pressure.

Kennedy: report this week

John O'Leary looks at the Budget boost

Assuming the "modest" increase for teachers that ministers have demanded, the extra £1 billion for recurrent spending should leave schools with a real-terms increase of about 1 per cent. David Whitbread, the Local Government Association's education officer, said: "It will not mean a bonanza for schools, but we are closer to what we need than we have been for some years."

Schools would be wise not to expect such favourable treatment in future years but, so long as local authorities do not divert the money to other services, they should be able to improve stocks of books and equipment, as well as to ensure that class sizes do not rise again next year. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, will be able to claim that he has delivered his side of the bargain when he calls next week for greater efforts.

Universities will have been disappointed, if not surprised, to be left out. But the decision makes some type of graduate contributions essential if growing financial worries are to be addressed. Free tuition has been on the way out for some months; the only question now is whether universities can wait for a government system.

The real losers, however, must be the 450 further education colleges, many of them already in financial difficulty. The Kennedy report, though not expected to produce instant riches, was the sector's bid for a new deal. Some of the ideas involved other sources of cash, such as students and the National Lottery, but, inevitably, much of the burden would fall on the State.

College principals did not have to wait for the Budget to tell that this would not be their year. Kim Howells, Minister for Lifelong Learning, responding instantly to the report, recognised the need of colleges for extra resources, but made it clear that the solution would not be found in the public purse.

Shifting the responsibility neatly to employers, he said: "We want industry to understand that it has got to play its part in the development of further education, and it has got to be a big part."

In place of even the vaguest promises, the colleges were treated to the pious hope that taking a further education course would soon be regarded on equal terms with an Oxford or Cambridge degree. They will hope that another White Paper promised for the autumn is more realistic.

Susan Elkin *commends an enlightened exam system*

Students enjoy the power of speech

Oral examinations are still anathema to some teachers. Perhaps they have not encountered the unusually supportive, flexible examination system the English Speaking Board (ESB) offers. This seems to help participants to speak out more confidently and fluently than any other teaching method I have encountered. Nowhere is this more evident than in Guernsey.

"These are my palms," said Nicola, aged nine, to her year 5 class at Vale Junior School, as she swirled her huge red and yellow ceremonial majorette plumes back and forth at arm's length. After she had answered lots of well-expressed questions from her audience, it was Stephen's turn to talk about and demonstrate roller-blading. Each child spoke with unusual clarity and directness. These young Guerns, under the guidance of their teacher, Brenda Meade, were practising for their imminent ESB examinations. As well as a talk, the test at this level includes a prepared reading aloud and the performance of a poem, learnt by heart.

The children at nearby Amherst Junior School treated me to some readings they were working on. At assessment time, each child gets a detailed written critique of his or her performance from the visiting examiner from the mainland. There is no set time to take the test, so it can be arranged when the candidates are ready.

All 13 of Guernsey's primary schools use the ESB as a means of promoting oral skills. Most children do an examination in year 3 and another in year 5.

Four of the island's five secondary schools are also involved. Most enter pupils for ESB exams in year 9 and year 11. At St Sampson's Secondary school, David Pipe, 16, had prepared an informative talk about roller hockey for his exam. One advantage of this work is that it is truly cross-curricular.

Year 11 pupils at La Mare de Carteret Secondary School are full of praise for the ESB system. One group explained: "You might need presentation skills when you're at work. ESB makes you find things out. It teaches you to listen. Learning by heart is good mental discipline."

Mont Varouf School, for pupils aged four to 19 with severe learning difficulties, also uses the ESB. Bob Battye, the head, said: "Because the tests are progressive we can enter our young people at an appropriate level and ensure that they really do achieve something."

Slowly and painstakingly, the senior group — Evette, Luisa, Tanya, John, Shane, Jason and James — told me how, last year, they did talks about working in sheltered workshops and staying overnight in the school chalet. Despite their problems, these cheerful young people showed a clear understanding of why speaking matters.

The ESB was founded in 1952 by Christabel Burniston, now an MBE for services to education and the ESB's indefatigable 87-year-old president. She sought to develop oral skills (and literary appreciation) without recourse to the horrors of old-style elocution.

During its 45-year history, the ESB has worked in a number of independent and maintained sector schools, although it has lost ground in the latter in recent years for reasons of cost. Each ESB entry fee costs £10 to £15. Many mainland schools feel unable to ask parents to pay this. Local authorities cannot or will not. Sponsorship is rare. Consequently, most young people in Britain have to make do with the perfunctory national curriculum and GCSE oral assessment.

In Guernsey it is otherwise. Since Christabel Burniston's first visit in 1983, the ESB has been almost universally implemented in the island's schools. There are several reasons for this. First, Burniston was allowed to set up comprehensive in-service teacher training. Secondly, the scheme had the enthusiastic support of John Stevenson, then Guernsey's adviser and inspector for English and later its director for education. Thirdly, the local education authority (LEA) has funded ESB work centrally for 12 years. The current annual cost is £15,000 to £20,000 for a school population of 8,600 because, of course, not every child takes an examination every year. Fourthly, the work has been co-ordinated since 1988 by one — very efficient and dynamic — person, Jackie Gaizley, English teacher at La Mare de Carteret.

Young Britons are wont, in Gillian Shephard's unforgettable phrase, to communicate by grunt. If oral communication is to be as well developed among mainland schoolchildren as it is in Guernsey, surely LEAs and opted-out schools could do worse than to follow Guernsey's enlightened example?

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ROWING

Berlin crew have oars removed at a single stroke

By Mike Rosewell, rowing correspondent

WIKING Berlin, a "selected" crew in the Thames Challenge Cup, were disqualified without taking another stroke at Henley yesterday. The Germans were found to be rowing three ineligible men. Ziegner, Rosenburger and Spaeter have all represented Germany at lightweight level in the past four years. The rules state that there should only be two such international rowers and none from the previous four years of competition.

Mike Sweeney, the Henley chairman, when asked why the Germans were allowed to race and beat Monmouth on Wednesday, said: "It is the responsibility of the club to sign for eligibility. They were dismayed, but, by the time they got to me, they understood the rules properly."

The Wiking crew were at Henley to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their win in the Grand. The decision left Tideway Scullers with a row over and no selected crews in the top quarter.

London RC's Thames Cup eight, also a selected crew, showed the same unruffled approach as their Wyfold Cup four, who won again. The eight were led to the halfway point by Garda Siochana, the Irish police, before Stewart Simms, the London stroke, roused his crew opposite their home supporters at Remenham Club and broke the Irish.

Nottingham and Molesey, the two selected crews in the Wyfold, have both survived two races without undue effort, Molesey enjoying a paddle yesterday when Quintin were disqualified after 20 strokes.

Greg Searle, Britain's top sculler, experienced his first race in the Diamond Sculls with little close attention, either from his opponent, Oliver Griffiths, of Chester, or from the enclosures, which were largely deserted at 8.50am. Searle did not mind his non-peaktime appearance. "It helped me to remind myself that Henley is just a normal regatta," he said, "even if it is not."

Jamie Koven, of the United States, who could be Searle's semi-final opponent tomorrow, also won with ease in a virtually identical time, but Searle's New Zealand coach, Harry Mahon, is not taking his opponent today, Adri Middag, of Holland, lightly.

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"Middag ony just lost to Veroon [the 1996 Diamonds winner] in Amsterdam last week," Mahon said.

Searle's lightweight Great Britain colleague, Peter Haining, won again, in spite of a 2st weight disadvantage, into a strong headwind. The selected Australian, Nick McDonald-Crowley, led to the half-way point before Haining, with considerable crowd support, sculled past to win.

The women's sculls boiled up nicely yesterday. Maria Brandin, of Sweden, the holder, progressed comfortably in the top half of the draw, as did Britain's Olympic sculler, Guin Batten and Sarah Winckless, the 6ft 4in Cambridge University president, in the bottom section. Winckless, 23, in a new boat sponsored by Virgin Direct, wants to challenge for the Olympic sculls spot. The two Britons race today. Bob Winckless, Sarah's father and with three Cambridge Blues, said the aim was to "take Guin apart". Sarah was less direct. Miles Forbes-Thomas, Batten's coach, contented himself with: "Sarah who?"

The biggest upset of the day came when Westminster School — considerably assisted by their Greek coach, Bob Michaels — beat Radley, the national schools' champions, in the Princess Elizabeth Cup. Westminster snatched a half-length lead at the Barrier and, in spite of continued pushes by the selected Radley crew, Westminster refused to fold. In the same event, Canford's giant-killing continued in another great race, when they were rowed down by Hampton but came back to win.

Another Greek coach, Stephanos Volianitis, was not able to work the same magic for two Birmingham students, Gregan Ward and Robin Underwood, in the first day of the Goblets. The Birmingham pair, the British University champions, faced Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, Britain's leading World Cup pair. Pete Sheppard, the Britain coach, watched his crew veer alarmingly off the start in the wind before settling down to win easily.

Argo, of Holland, were the first foreign selected crew to be beaten in the Britannia coxed fours, but it did not reduce foreign interest, since their conquerers were the University of Minnesota, who train on the Mississippi. Another Dutch selected crew, Sköll, from Amsterdam, were eliminated in the Temple, beaten by Cherwell, the Oxford development squad.

Hunt-Davis, left, and Thatcher ease to victory in the first round of the Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Cup yesterday

RESULTS FROM HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Thames Cup

Holders: Neptune (Ire)

Second round

Nottingham A bt Vesta easily, 7min 02sec
Essen-Kupferdreh (Ger) bt Furnivall Sculling Club 3l, 7:12
Castle Semple bt Nottingham B easily, 7:02
London bt Garda Siochana (Ire) 1¾l, 6:45
Tideway Scullers Sch bt Wiking, Berlin (Ger) disq
Neptune bt Thames Tradesmen's B 1¼l, 7:06
Upper Thames A bt St Catharine's (Can) 1¼l, 6:34
FIRST ROUND: Nottingham B bt Thames 1¼l, 7:02

Princess Elizabeth Cup

Holders: Brentwood College School (Can)

Second round

St Paul's bt Abingdon A 2l, 6min 53sec
Shrewsbury A bt Latymer Upper 3½l, 7:14
Monmouth bt Bedford B 2½l, 7:25
St Edward's bt St Peter's easily, 8:35
Brooks Sch (US) bt Eton 2l, 7:10
Westminster bt Radley A ¾l, 6:59
Pangbourne bt Oundle ¾l, 7:17
Canford bt Hampton A ½l, 7:12
FIRST ROUND: St Peter's bt King's, *Worcester 3½l, 7:20; Latymer Upper bt* Shiplake 3ft, 7:05; Monmouth bt Bedford Modern B 2½l, 7:17.

Temple Cup

Holders: Yale University (US)

Second round

Queen's Univ, Belfast bt Univ of East Anglia *1¼l, 7min 04sec*
Univ of Pennsylvania (US) bt Univ of Bristol 1¼l, 6:59
Harvard Univ (US) bt University Coll, London 2½l, 7:14
Imperial Coll and King's Coll, London bt Durham Univ A ¾l, 6:56
University Coll, Dublin (Ire) bt Nottingham Univ ½l, 6.50
INSA Lyon (Fr) bt Jesus Coll, Cambridge 3½l, 7:15
Durham Univ B bt Radley Coll 3l, 7:30
New Coll, Oxford bt Kingston GS 2½l, 7:20
Leeds Univ bt Queen's Coll, Oxford 4½l, 7:17
Univ of Washington bt Reading Univ 3½l, 6:59
Eton bt St Hild & St Bede Coll and Hatfield Coll, Durham 4l, 7:29
Cambridge Univ Lightweights bt United Hospitals, London easily, 7:02
Cherwell BC bt ASR Sköll (Holl) ½l, 7:04
Goldie bt Brasenose Coll and St Edmund Hall, Oxford easily, 6:54
FIRST ROUND: University Coll, London bt Lady Margaret, Cambridge ½l, 7:11; Glas*gow Univ bt Downing Coll and Fitzwilliam* Coll, Cambridge 3½l, 7:20; Nephthys A bt Oxford Brookes Univ B 1¼l, 7:08.

Wyfold Cup

Holders: Queen's Tower

Second round

Commercial bt Upper Thames 2l, 7min 35sec
London bt Stanford 3l, 7:13
Clyde Amateur bt Twickenham 1l, 7:23
Molesey A bt Quintin disq
Queen's Tower bt The Tideway Scullers Sch canvas, 7:23
Nottingham bt *Univ of London Tyrian B 1l*, 7:14
FIRST ROUND: Molesey A bt Bedford 3½l, 8:07; Upper Thames bt Nottingham and Union 2l, 7:31; Vesta bt Old Edwardian (SA) easily, 7:42; Stanford (US) bt Reading easily, 7:32; Furnivall Sculling Club bt Wallingford 1ft, 7:26.

Britannia Cup

Holders: Oxford Brookes University

Second round

Lea bt Imperial Coll, London B 1½l, 7min *40sec*
St Andrew bt Thames B 1¼l, 7:54
Trinity Coll, Dublin (Ire) bt Staines 3½l, 8:03
Hansa Hamburg (Ger) bt Cambridge 99 3l, 7:43
Univ of Minnesota A (US) bt WS Argo (Holl) 1¼l, 7:54
Univ of London bt Strathclyde Univ 2½l, 7:27
Henley bt Vesta 3l, 7.54
FIRST ROUND: Lea bt Imperial Coll, London A wo, 8:06; Wageningsche SR Argo (Holl) bt Bedford 4¾l, 7:49; Univ of Bristol bt Thames Tradesmen's ½l, 7:40; Henley bt Nottingham and Union 1¼l, 7:41; Vesta bt Kingston Univ ¾l, 7:43

Visitors' Cup

Holders: Wageningsche Argo (Holl)

First round

Oxford Brookes Univ bt Isis 2l, 7min 13sec
Imperial Coll and Charing Cross & Westminster Medical Sch bt Univ of London A ¾l, 7:19
Newcastle Univ bt Exeter Univ nro
Univ of Natal (SA) bt Bedford Sch B 3¾l, 7:31
Bedford Sch A bt Trinity Coll, Dublin (Ire) ½l, 7:54
Univ of London B bt Monmouth Sch easily, 7:38

Princess Royal Cup

Holder: M H Brandin (Swe)

First round

R E Rudkin bt R P Ingledew ¾l, 10min 18sec
L M Hansen bt E L Richards 3l, 10:00
S K Winckless bt A L V van Leemputten easily, 9:17
B E Roye bt M E Stevens 2½l, 10:12
G Batten bt L Cretchley easily, 9:16
M H Brandin bt H Little easily, 9:24

Diamond Sculls

Holder: M L O Vervoorn (Holl)

Second round

G M P Searle bt O E D Griffiths 4l, 8min 40sec
J W Koven bt S D Spriggs 4l, 8.39
D J Gleeson bt G C Monnickendam 1¼l, 8:55
A Middag bt U Meyer 5l, 8:43
P M Haining bt N J McDonald-Crowley 2l, 8:27
R S C Tucker bt S D Colbert easily, 8.32
M P van der Schoot bt P A Hone 2¾l, 8:49

Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Cup

Holders: A Nader (Austria) and H Bauer (Austria)

First round

I A Harris and J M Hassman bt S R Morris and C M Cusack 3½l, 8min 40sec
A R Tucker and W H Castle bt H S Llewelyn-Usher and T P Terry 3¼l, 8:32
J D Hepworth and J P Purnell bt S J Goodwin and M E Thompson 3l, 8:09
C P Fischer and S Franke bt G T Smith and P D Thomas 1¼l, 7:55
P A J Bridge and M H W Parish bt S M Tangney and J C Callie ½l, 8:14
R Thatcher and F B Hunt-Davis bt G J Ward and R S R Underwood easily, 8:35
S J Mepham and P W Mepham bt J M Flynn and R Dunlop easily, 8:42

Double Sculls

Holders: G Walker (US) and G Lewis (US)

First round

J C Baker and M M Bevan bt M F Hawes and M J Owen 4¾l, 8min 14sec
M D Free and D Free bt I A Neville and S F Dance 4l, 8:26
C L B Long and B N J Long bt J L Walker and M W Fenton 4l, 8:41
G S Cundell and D Y Froud bt D J Clinton and P A Hone nro, 8:29
B A Klein and R J Weaver bt A Bird and T R Kingswell 2¾l, 7:43
D P Atkins and P R Noble bt T P Dorrell and D Z Lloyd 2½l, 8:10

TRIATHLON

Smith leads British contingent into final

From Ian Sweet
in Vuokatti, Finland

FOR the first time in any leading event, qualification was the name of the game at the European triathlon championships at the Vuokatti winter sports centre and Britain's two-time world champion, Spencer Smith, did enough in heat two to make tomorrow's final. tomorrow. All four members of the British team qualified, but only Smith and Mike Ellicock made it by "right", being in the top 20 of their heats.

Richard Allen and Alastair Johnson went through to the 50-man final as two of the ten next-fastest competitors. The qualifying was held over the sprint distance of a 750-metre swim, 20-kilometre bike ride and five-kilometre run, but the final will be held over twice the distance. The bike course is a brute, made up of ten-kilometre laps and including a climb of 2½ kilometres with seven per cent gradients taking the athletes to the 90-metre ski jump that dominates the skyline here.

Smith, who lives in California, was drawn in heat two and did just enough to finish inside the slowest qualifying time of heat one. He looked relaxed and fresh at the finish and said that tomorrow "four times up the bike climb, especially if it stays hot, will be very hard".

It was a different story for Allen, who was just 5sec inside the 1hr 4min 34sec qualifying time, suffering from the dual effects of over-racing and a virus. His first reaction was that he would not be fit enough to compete in the final, although Mick English, the British team manager, said Allen would race unless he produced a doctor's certificate. He had warned the triathletes not to race too much before these championships. Money is tight within the British triathlon federation and they cannot afford the luxury of athletes racing when they are not fully prepared.

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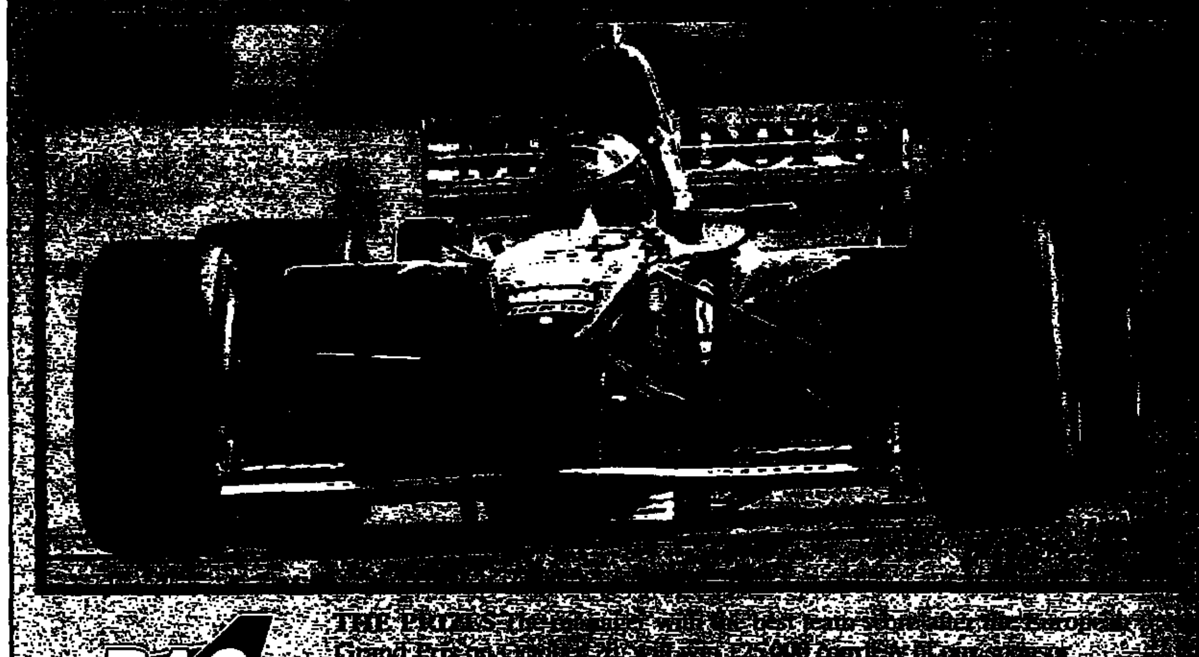

The top of our Fantasy Formula One leaderboard in the race for our £25,000 top prize has a new leader in L Ackland from Guildford, Surrey. His team, Aston O, has a total of 5,919 points after last week's French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours. His team comprises M Schumacher, Alesi, Irvine, Trulli, Fisichella, Fontana; Benetton, McLaren, Ferrari, Sauber, Minardi and Lola. F Grosvenor of Lacock, Wiltshire, wins a trip for two to the British Grand Prix. His team, Reybridge Racers, scored 897 points at Magny-cours. R Buck from Lowestoft, Suffolk, wins a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom games. His team, Rob's Racers, also scored 897 points. Both players have M Schumacher, R Schumacher, Villeneuve, Frentzen, Trulli, Fisichella, Ferrari, Williams, Jordan, Arrows, Minardi and Sauber. Both players also share 5,179 points on our leaderboard.

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Finishing points (scored for the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st M Schumacher 60 points; 2nd H-H Frentzen 50; 3rd E Irvine 40; 4th J Villeneuve 30; 5th J Alesi 29; 6th R Schumacher 28; 7th D Coulthard 27; 8th J Herbert 26; 9th G Fisichella 25; 10th J Trulli 24; 11th U Katayama 23; 12th D Hill 22. (Only 12 finished. Coulthard was classified although he did not finish the race.)

Lap points (one point for each lap completed): M Schumacher 72 points; H-H Frentzen 72; E Irvine 72; J Villeneuve 72; J Alesi 72; R Schumacher 72; D Coulthard 71; J Herbert 71; G Fisichella 71; J Trulli 70; U Katayama 70; D Hill 69; M Salo 61; P Diniz 58; N Fontana 40; R Barrichello 36; *J Magnussen 33; M Hakkinen 18;* J Verstappen 15; S Nakano 7; T Marques 5.

Improvement from starting grid to finishing position (3 points for each improved place): U Katayama 30 points; J Herbert 18; D Hill 15; J Alesi 9; E Irvine 6; D Coulthard 6; G Fisichella 6. **Fastest lap time of grand prix** M Schumacher10 points. **Penalty points** incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): none. **Did not finish the race** (10 points deducted): M Hakkinen -10 points; D Coulthard -10; *R Barrichello -10; M Salo -10; J Verstappen -10; P Diniz -10;* S Nakano -10; N Fontana -10; T Marques -10; J Magnussen -10. **Not starting after qualifying** (10 points deducted): none. **Speeding in the pit lane** (5 points deducted): none.

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OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER THE FRENCH GRAND PRIX

POS	TEAM NAME	MANAGER NAME	POINTS
1	Aston O	L Ackland	5919
2	What Alesi Bunch!	N Rowe	5899
3	The Chequered Flags	A Cooper	5771
4	Petunia	Staszkiewicz	5763
5	Team Julius II	C Gale	5761
6	Tetch-Meisters Racing	B Day	5748
7	Dow Jones 2	I Dowty	5746
8	Waite Racing F1	P Waite	5741
9	Formula Uno	P Tabone	5732
10	Parkhurst Racing	L Danson	5723
11	Dragon Racing	R Davis	5721
12	Verna Superstars	H Coulter	5716
13	John Hunt 23	J Hunt	5713
14	Barnstoneworth 1a	I Lawrenson	5665
15	Gwilt F1	D Gwilt	5653
16	J B 1	I Rock	5623
17	John Hunt 8	J Hunt	5622
17	John Hunt 10	J Hunt	5622
19	John Hunt 29	J Hunt	5613
20	Brit F1	R Belcher	5612
20	Ben Elton	S Nicholls	5612
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DRIVERS

GROUP A		
01 D Hill	116	379
02 M Schumacher	172	1012
03 J Villeneuve	125	739
04 E Irvine	140	804
05 J Alesi	129	845
06 G Berger	0	653
07 M Hakkinen	25	670
08 D Coulthard	112	672
09 R Barrichello	40	421
10 H-H Frentzen	147	830
11 J Herbert	128	690
12 M Salo	59	694

GROUP B		
13 J Trulli*	115	885
14 J Verstappen	14	565
15 U Katayama	123	515
16 P Diniz	59	440
17 R Rosset	0	0
18 R Schumacher	124	453
19 G Fisichella	118	758
20 S Nakano	12	485
21 N Fontana*	37	704
22 T Marques*	-5	490
23 J Magnussen	35	429
24 V Sospiri	0	0

CONSTRUCTORS

GROUP C		
25 Williams	25	117
26 Ferrari	30	180
27 McLaren	0	87
28 Benetton	12	130
29 Jordan	21	60
30 Prost	7	81

GROUP D		
31 Arrows	5	-69
32 Sauber	9	82
33 Tyrrell	-20	9
34 Minardi	6	32
35 Stewart	-20	-59
36 Lola	0	0

*Jarno Trulli of Minardi replaces Olivier Panis in the Prost team. Tarso Marques replaces Trulli at Minardi and at Sauber Norberto *Fontana replaces Gianni Morbidelli,* who originally replaced Nicola Larini.

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RACING: NEWMARKET TRAINER LOOKS TO MAINTAIN STRIKE-RATE BY LANDING JULY STAKES

Prescott aiming high with Calchas

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

SIR MARK PRESCOTT, a master of the understatement, was in excellent form yesterday, like his two-year-olds, who have been winning everything in sight recently and are chiefly responsible for a 38 per cent strike-rate this term. "Yes, they have been saving me from the poor house," he said.

At Newmarket next week, the baronet will attempt to rattle the cages of Mr Stoute and Mr Cecil, as he refers with unfailing politeness to his fellow trainers, by landing the July Stakes with Calchas, his first runner in the race.

"He's always gone well and is one of those nice horses; you don't know he's there and he's wonderfully behaved and straightforward. He's not very big and this would be his D-Day. He might not be good enough, but he has experience and will get the trip."

The winner of his two starts, by five and six lengths, Calchas has followed the example set by other stable juveniles such as Eloquent, Mountain Song and Shawdon. "Initially, Mountain Song was the best of them at home, although whether he would beat Calchas now I don't know. When they started he was the best so it came as a surprise to the trainer when he got beat in an auction plate at Redcar on his first start. I had the dressing gown chords suspended over the bannisters and there was a nasty spell when I thought it was the only decent thing to do," he said.

Fortunately, such drastic action proved unnecessary as Mountain Song confirmed his ability at home by hacking up in his next two starts to boost the stable's strike-rate and make up for the older horses, most of whom were affected by a bout of coughing during April and much of May.

Prescott, who won his first group one race with the Cheveley Park Stud-owned Pivotal in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York last year, could also be represented in the July Cup on Thursday with Red Camellia, third in the French 1,000 Guineas. "Ability wise, she is the best horse I have had, but she had a chipped bone so it has not been straightforward."

Whether or not she runs, Prescott's main concern that day will be the Countryside Rally in London, where he is one of the speakers. "The most important thing will be the rally; there will be plenty more July Cups."

Maybe, but David Barron, the Thirsk trainer, would dearly love to win this year's running with Coastal Bluff after last year's Stewards' Cup and Ayr Gold Cup winner delighted him in a workout yesterday.

The five-year-old is particularly slow coming to hand and does not come in his coat until June, but Barron reported yesterday: "Obviously his tasks will be much tougher this year but Kevin [Darley] sat on him this morning and the horse worked every bit as well as he worked last year at home."

Barron added: "I honestly believe he is probably as good as he was when he won the Ayr Gold Cup. Although the form book says that was his best performance, as far as I was concerned he was at his peak at Goodwood. He was spot on that day and I don't think I have quite got him back to that.

"Whatever he does at Newmarket, you will still see the horse improve for it. He just gets better as the year goes on."

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Coastal Bluff, who captured the Stewards' Cup and Ayr Gold Cup last term, returns in the July Cup

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106	-655	SWING WEST 13 P Cole 3-9-0	C Rutter 18
107	2303	BAAHETH 83 S C Williams 3-8-13	D Williams (7) 9
108	00-5	MOWJOOD 56 M Stoute 3-8-13	J Reid 4
109	00-0	INDIAN NECTAR 99 R Brotherton 4-8-13	S Drowne 19
110	2253	ISIS HONDA 7 C Brittain 3-8-10	W J O'Connor 11
111	0003	HEVER GOLF CHARMER 18 T Naughton 3-8-9	T Sprake 16
112	50-0	COME TOGETHER 66 D Arbuthnot 3-8-9	S Whitworth 17
113	00-0	STRAFFAN GOLD 31 G Wragg 3-8-8	J Quinn 12
114	-006	SO KEEN 9 A Bailey 4-8-5	P Roberts (5) 10
115	0609	YUPPY GIRL 11 J H Wilson 4-8-3	R Ffrench (5) 5
116	00-0	FOREIGN JUDGEMENT 16 W Musson 4-8-1	D R McCabe 20
117	-050	RUNNING FREE 21 M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-7	F Norton 7
118	-000	MISELLINA 32 J S Moore 3-8-1	J F Egan 6
119	060-	SUCH PRESENCE 237 K Bridgwater 3-7-13	J Bramhill 15
120	3063	KUSTOM KIT KLASSIC 15 S Bowring 3-7-13	D Wright 1

9-2 Mowjood, 5-1 Isis Honda, 6-1 Swing West, 7-1 Expialidocious, 8-1 Little Miss Rocker, 10-1 Chocolate Ice, Hever Golf Charmer, 14-1 others.

2.50 JOHN CATTELLS FINAL FURLONG OF FREEDOM SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,925: 1m) (20)

201	0440	COMMIN' UP 38 Miss M Rowland 4-9-11	N Adams 20
202	0030	CHARLTON IMP 13 (D,F) R Hodges 4-9-11	J Quinn 4
203	2005	SANDMOOR DENIM 4 (D,F,G,S) S Bowring 10-9-10	F Boyle (7) 12
204	06-4	QUEEN OF SHANNON 46 (D,F,S) A Carroll 9-9-10	R Studholme (7) 15
205	1043	GOLD LANCE 38 (D,F) R O'Sullivan 4-9-9	S Sanders 1
206	1504	ARCATURA 13 C James 5-9-9	C Rutter 3
207	-000	BEST KEPT SECRET 11 (F,G,S) L Barratt 6-9-6	S Drowne 18
208	-000	SCOTTISH PARK 9 (B,D,F,S) M Pipe 8-9-1	Martin Dwyer (3) 10
209	0-02	KATIE KOMAITE 9 J H Wilson 4-9-0	K Fallon 9
210	0050	MONEGHETTI 16 (D) J L Harris 6-8-12	R Ffrench (5) 17
211	6400	MY HANDSOME PRINCE 35 P Bevan 5-8-9	N Carlisle 13
212	6206	EASTLEIGH 15 (D,S) R Hollinshead 8-8-8	F Lynch 14
213	3000	DAVID JAMES' GIRL 8 (D,S) A Bailey 5-8-7	A Mackay 8
214	-006	LITTLE PILGRIM 148 T Jones 4-8-7	R Perham 5
215	60-0	SPIRIT OF SPORT 38 (B) A Newcombe 4-8-5	A McGlone 6
216	-000	SWEET SEVENTEEN 37 B Collingridge 4-8-5	Miss D Weeden 19
217	0000	SHANGHAI LIL 6 (D) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-3	F Norton 16
218	5-06	FOOLISH FLUTTER 55 (B) R Bastiman 3-8-3	J F Egan 2
219	5004	MAURANGI 14 (D,F,G) B Murray 6-8-0	M Deering 11
220	0066	SAFA DANCER 8 B McMahon 4-8-0	L Newton 7

4-1 Gold Lance, 11-2 Sandmoor Denim, 13-2 Arcatura, 7-1 Queen Of Shannon, Katie Komaite, 8-1 Charlton Imp, Best Kept Secret, 12-1 others.

Blinkered first time

HAMILTON PARK: 8.40 Prix Star. 9.10 Mazirah. HAYDOCK PARK: 7.00 Well Armed, Hey Up Mate. SANDOWN PARK: 2.00 M T Vessel. WARWICK: 4.25 Flourishing Way. 6.00 Attack At Dawn. 7.30 Young Wolf. 8.30 Peig Sayers. 9.00 Sparkes Cross.

3.25 PYMENTS CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,554: 7f) (6)

301	1511	LORD SMITH 8 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-7	Martin Dwyer (3) 4
302	611	MICHELEE 13 P Evans 9-2	J F Egan 6
303	231	HUDLEEN 24 (D,F) W G M Turner 8-12	D McGaffin (7) 3
304	00	PETALING 24 B Meehan 8-12	M Tebbutt 1
305	4144	FIGAWIN 8 G Lewis 8-7	Paul Eddery 2
306	0	FLORAL PARK 9 G Balding 8-4	S Drowne 5

2-1 Lord Smith, 5-2 Michelee, 3-1 Figawin, 9-2 Hudleen, 16-1 Petaling, 25-1 Floral Park.

3.55 HELLER INVEST IN SUCCESS TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,174: 1m 6f 194yd) (6)

401	6320	TAWAFEK 13 S Dow 4-9-11	J Reid 3
402	5426	CHABROL 17 (F) R Harris 4-9-8	A Daly (5) 5
403	00-5	TWO SOCKS 24 (F) J King 4-9-5	R Ffrench (5) 1
404	D005	DURHAM 7 (V,F,S) G L Moore 6-9-1	S Whitworth 2
405	0004	SLAPY DAM 23 (V,G,S) C Smith 5-8-10	A Culhane 6
406	3311	MANILENO 13 (F,S) M Pipe 3-8-0	Martin Dwyer (3) 4

5-6 Manileno, 9-2 Tawafek, 6-1 Slapy Dam, 8-1 Two Socks, 10-1 Durham, 12-1 Chabrol.

4.25 STARS AND STRIPES MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,378: 6f) (13)

501	0-0	AWASSI 11 K Mahdi 4-9-5	D O'Donohoe (3) 12
502	-000	CALANDRELLA 8 G Balding 4-9-0	P P Murphy (3) 5
503	00	SILENT SYMPHONY 150 Mrs S Williams 5-9-0	C Teague (3) 10
504		BACCHUS A Streeter 3-8-13	D Harrison 13
505	4-02	ALWAYS ON MY MIND 20 P Makin 3-8-8	S Sanders 9
506	69	BALFOUR LADY 11 J Toller 3-8-8	W J O'Connor 3
507		BEAUCATCHER M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-8	S Drowne 7
508	266-	CATRIA 224 (BF) J Gosden 3-8-8	A Garth 2
509	0-63	ELIZA 23 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-8	J Reid 1
510	-423	FLOURISHING WAY 7 (B,BF) R Charlton 3-8-8	T Sprake 6
511	55-0	HANAN 9 P Kelleway 3-8-8	J F Egan 11
512	00	MISCONDUCT 7 G L Moore 3-8-8	S Whitworth 4
513	35-0	SAVONA 53 P Makin 3-8-8	Paul Eddery 8

5-2 Flourishing Way, 3-1 Always On My Mind, 5-1 Catria, 7-1 Eliza, 10-1 Savona, 12-1 Bacchus, 14-1 Awassi, 16-1 others.

4.55 WHITE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,442: 1m) (18)

601	00	MAGIC LAHR 8 I Balding 4-9-7	Martin Dwyer (3) 10
602		MILTON ABBOT M Saunders 4-9-7	J F Egan 14
603		BALERIENA J Plasschaert (Bel) 4-9-2	M Keogh 3
604	0-0	CHARCOL 69 J Banks 4-9-2	P Roberts (5) 6
605	34-	CLASSIC FORM 268 I Campbell 4-9-2	S Drowne 9
606	0-5	COLD LAZARUS 20 R Phillips 3-8-12	J Reid 8
607		CROWN OF THORNS J Gosden 3-8-12	A Garth 5
608	3223	DAWAM ALLAIL 10 M Jarvis 3-8-12	S Sanders 18
609	0-6	DESERT WARRIOR 11 K Mahdi 3-8-12	D O'Donohoe (3) 11
610	0-04	KAPIL 25 W Ham 3-8-12	T Sprake 17
611	5-0	KOSEVO 15 M Meagher 3-8-12	M Fenton 13
612	4	MASSYAR SEVENTEEN 41 H Collingridge 3-8-12	Miss D Weeden 7
613	0	ROCKIE THE JESTER 11 J Leigh 3-8-12	C Teague (3) 2
614	03	SPECULATOR 84 W Haggas 3-8-12	M Hills 15
615	0	CATHERSTON LUCKY 24 G Balding 3-8-7	P P Murphy (3) 4
616		FLYING FLIP B Morgan 3-8-7	C Hodgson 16
617		MINSTER STAR J Spearing 3-8-7	N Varley 1
618	4-0	SAHARA RIVER 34 R Charlton 3-8-7	Paul Eddery 12

3-1 Crown Of Thorns, 5-1 Dawam Allail, 6-1 Kapil, 8-1 Speculator, 10-1 Cold Lazarus, Sahara River, 12-1 Desert Warrior, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Charlton, 6 winners from 10 runners, 60.0%; S Williams, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Pipe, 8 from 37, 21.6%; M Heaton-Ellis, 6 from 32, 18.8%; M Stoute, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Jarvis, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 17 winners from 85 rides, 20.0%; M Hills, 11 from 58, 19.0%; Paul Eddery, 12 from 77, 15.6%; K Fallon, 4 from 29, 13.8%; D Harrison, 8 from 60, 13.3%; T Sprake, 15 from 114, 13.2%.

RESULTS

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

2.10 (7f 30yd) 1, Brandonville (R Studholme, 10-1); 2, Ballard Lady (11-2); 3, Prime Partner (7-1). Caudillo 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. N Tinkler. Tote: £14.30; £2.70, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £32.20. Trio: £56.10. CSF: £57.45. Tricast: £378.66.

2.40 (6f) 1, Three Tenners (K Darley, 8-1); 2, Stravsea (33-1); 3, Hope Value (9-1). Kolby 4-6 fav. 7 ran. NR: Companys Gamble. ¾l, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £8.30. DF: £55.20. CSF: £134.44.

3.10 (7f 30yd) 1, Sheltering Sky (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Khalaaq (2-1 fav); 3, Summerosa (4-1). 14 ran. 1½l, 3l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £5.30. Trio: £3.70. CSF: £7.65.

3.40 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Debutante Days (R Hughes, 8-1); 2, Peppers (5-1); 3, Belly Souza (5-1). Kathryn's Pet 9-4 fav. 6 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. A Stewart. Tote: £8.60; £2.10, £2.30. DF: £20.40. CSF: £39.26.

4.10 (6f) 1, Desert Lynx (R Hughes, 16-1); 2, Bollin Dorothy (6-1); 3, Bee Health Boy (11-2). Garnock Valley 7-2 fav. 13 ran. 2l, hd. T Watson. Tote: £22.30; £4.60, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £205.70. Trio: £175.00. CSF: £99.66. Tricast: £571.73.

4.40 (1m 6f) 1, Foreign Rule (R Havlin, 11-2); 2, Thornby Park (8-11 fav); 3, Ikhtisar (15-2). 6 ran. 1½l, ¾l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £6.30; £2.10, £1.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £9.26.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,387.97 carried forward to Warwick today).

Placepot: £443.00. Quadpot: £15.60.

Catterick Bridge

Going: soft

2.20 (5f) 1, Oriel Girl (J F Egan, 7-4 fav); 2, Beachwood Quest (6-1); 3, Hayburner (14-1). 13 ran. NR: Taleheart, Turf Moor. 1¾l, 6l. P Evans. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £2.30, £4.20. DF: £20.90. Trio: £131.00. CSF: £12.86.

2.50 (1m 7f 177yd) 1, Hasta La Vista (L Dettori, 11-8 fav); 2, Tancred Mischief (4-1); 3, Gymcrak Tiger (20-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.06.

3.20 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, Ikatinga (G Duffield, 2-1); 2, Quest For Beer (11-4); 3, Wellcome Inn (11-2). Walkabout 7-4 fav. 4 ran. 8l, 2l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.19.

3.50 (7f) 1, Three For A Pound (J Fortune, 7-1); 2, Hulal (7-1); 3, Hi Mujtahid (50-1). High Spirits 11-4 fav. 13 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. J Glover. Tote: £12.10; £2.60, £1.90, £8.50. DF: £39.30. Trio: £503.90. CSF: £48.58. Tricast: £2,162.66.

4.20 (7f) 1, Sharp 'N' Shady (G Duffield, 9-4 fav); 2, Legal Issue (8-1); 3, Kissel (12-1). 7 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. C Wall. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £8.60. CSF: £20.49.

4.50 (5f 212yd) 1, Rum Lad (J Lowe, 4-1); 2, William's Well (3-1); 3, King Uno (2-1 fav). 7 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. J Quinn. Tote: £6.40; £3.30, £1.90. DF: £9.80. CSF: £16.29.

Placepot: £442.90. Quadpot: £80.90.

Yarmouth

Going: good to soft

2.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Faith Alone (R Mullen, 11-2); 2, Don Pepe (4-1); 3, Wild Palm (8-1). Never Think Twice 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 4l, hd. C Wall. Tote: £6.40; £2.40, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £18.20. Trio: £34.10. CSF: £23.51. Tricast: £154.75.

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, Fiveo'clock Shadow (M Tebbutt, 11-8 fav); 2, Captain Bliss (7-1); 3, Estopped (15-2). 10 ran. NR: High Carry. 2½l, sh hd. B Meehan. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.40, £2.90. DF: £8.20. Trio: £17.40. CSF: £10.20.

3.00 (7f 3yd) 1, Snow Kid (Pat Eddery, 4-5 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Imroz (100-30); 3, Royale Figurine (11-2). 8 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. D Loder. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.48.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, Karinska (S Carson, 7-2); 2, Listed Account (11-10 fav); 3, Icy Guest (7-4). 4 ran. 1¾l, 3l. M Chapman. Tote: £4.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.42.

4.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Spaniard's Mount (M Henry, 7-2); 2, Trojan Hero (Evens fav); 3, Hever Golf Eagle (14-1). 9 ran. NR: Ajeebah, What A Fuss. 2½l, hd. M Tompkins. Tote: £4.70; £1.10, £1.10, £4.00. DF: £5.20. Trio: £20.20. CSF: £8.81.

4.30 (7f 3yd) 1, Mazboon (R Hills, 4-9 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Behold (11-2); 3, Lone Piper (13-2). 5 ran. ½l, ½l. E Dunlop. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.19.

5.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Calendula (Miss J Allison, 5-1); 2, Squared Away (12-1); 3, Anchor Venture (10-1). Beltas Gate Boy 7-2 fav. 10 ran. ½l, 1¾l. D Morley. Tote: £6.30; £1.50, £4.00, £2.60. DF: £46.80. Trio: £454.50 (part won. Pool of £230.50 carried forward to 2.50 at Warwick today). CSF: £60.32. Tricast: £528.57.

Placepot: £32.70. Quadpot: £10.20.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PLEADING
(8.30 Haydock Park)
Next best: Sally Green
(2.00 Sandown Park)

Wednesday's late details

Epsom

Going: soft, good to soft in places

6.20 (6f) 1, Toblersong (T Quinn, 4-1); 2, High Sheriff (11-1); 3, American Cousin (25-1). Lucky Double 2-1 fav. 10 ran. ½l, 10l. R Akehurst. Tote: £6.10; £1.80, £2.10, £3.30. DF: £68.80. Trio: £169.60. CSF: £40.98.

6.50 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, Spartan Girl (D Harrison, 7-1); 2, Manuetti (8-1); 3, Dovedon Star (15-8 fav). 8 ran. 2l, 2½l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £8.40; £1.90, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £37.20. CSF: £53.69.

7.20 (7f) 1, Grey Kingdom (D Mernagh, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Chickawicka (9-1); 3, Tea Party (5-1). Zaima 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. Nk, 1¾l. M Brittain. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £14.70. Trio: £14.50. CSF: £25.39. Tricast: £121.01.

7.50 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Tappeto (C Rutter, 10-1); 2, Little Acorn (4-1); 3, Statajack (7-1). Ikatania 7-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Maradi. ½l, 4l. H Candy. Tote: £17.20; £3.30, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £34.20. Trio: £82.30. CSF: £44.24. Tricast: £273.21.

8.20 (1m 114yd) 1, Impala (D Sweeney, 11-2); 2, Don Sebastian (6-4 fav); 3, Bobbit (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Heart Full Of Soul. 2l, 1l. W Turner. Tote: £5.60; £1.70, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £6.00. Trio: £18.30. CSF: £12.89.

8.50 (6f) 1, Plaisir D'Amour (R Ffrench, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Bold Effort (6-1); 3, Willow Dale (11-4 jt-fav). 6 ran. NR: Sharp Pearl. Sh hd, 1¾l. N Callaghan. Tote: £3.40; £2.00, £3.00. DF: £17.20. CSF: £17.34.

Placepot: £270.90. Quadpot: £15.90.

Yarmouth

Going: good to soft

6.35 (5f 43yd) 1, Songsheet (P P Murphy, 2-1); 2, Sang D'Antibes (14-1); 3, Shining Cloud (13-8 fav). 5 ran. NR: Royal Blackbird. 6l, 1¼l. M Saunders. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £4.40. DF: £23.80. CSF: £24.57.

7.05 (7f 3yd) 1, Feel A Line (J Reid, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Distinctive Dream (9-1); 3, Windborn (4-1). Last Chance 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 3l, 3l. B Meehan. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £3.50, £1.30. DF: £23.00. Trio: £44.30. CSF: £33.63.

7.35 (1m 3yd) 1, Polish Rhythm (D O'Donohoe, 33-1); 2, Veni Vidi Vici (2-1 fav); 3, Silk St John (9-2). 10 ran. 2½l, ½l. G Hubbard. Tote: £59.80; £7.80, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £128.00. Trio: £330.00. CSF: £96.79. Tricast: £336.03.

8.05 (6f 3yd) 1, Greenlander (L Dettori, 100-30); 2, Aithib (5-6 fav); 3, Wuxi Venture (9-2). 6 ran. 3l, 5l. C Brittain. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.39.

8.35 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Purist (J Reid, 8-4 fav); 2, Ulfire (6-1); 3, Capsoff (50-1). 11 ran. NR: La Curamalal. 2½l, 1¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.90, £4.90. DF: £6.20. Trio: £352.50. CSF: £9.05.

9.05 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Compass Pointer (J Tate, 5-1); 2, Spy Knoll (11-4 fav); 3, Children's Choice (20-1). 11 ran. Hd, ½l. J Eustace. Tote: £5.40; £2.50, £1.10, £3.50. DF: £13.40. Trio: £49.80. CSF: £18.65. Tricast: £246.62.

Placepot: £24.70. Quadpot: £4.90.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
7.00 Turgenev. 7.30 CAYMAN KAI (nap). 8.00 Little *Indian*. *8.30 Jo Mell. 9.00 Welsh Mill. 9.30* Blessingindisguise.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.30 JO MELL.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

7.00 FRANK WOOTTON HANDICAP
(£3,488: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

1	(7)	-640	BERLIN BLUE 16 (F,G) J Watts 4-9-10	L Dettori	95
2	(5)	0050	CLASSIC FIND 14 (F) I Campbell 4-9-6	A Mackay	96
3	(1)	0-32	CLOUD INSPECTOR 22 M Johnston 5-9-5	B Doyle	94
4	(2)	405	WELL ARMED 20J (B) J J O'Neill 6-8-12	J Carroll	95
5	(3)	0565	TURGENEV 6 (BF,CD,G,S) R Bastiman 8-8-7	Pat Eddery	⊞
6	(4)	2635	OBERONS BOY 9 (G) S Dow 4-8-5	J F Egan	96
7	(6)	3144	EXPRESS GIFT 15 (CD,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-8-1	D Moffatt (3)	94

9-4 Berlin Blue, 5-2 Cloud Inspector, 5-1 Express Gift, 6-1 Turgenev, 7-1 others.

7.30 ASPECTS BEAUTY CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,112: 6f) (7)

1	(6)	5200	CAYMAN KAI 15 (F,S) R Hannon 4-9-1	R Hughes	93
2	(5)	040-	DOMULLA 398 (CD,F,G,S) R Akehurst 7-9-1	S Sanders	88
3	(2)	-240	JAYANNPEE 15 (D,F,G) I Balding 6-9-1	L Dettori	⊞
4	(3)	1036	ZUHAIR 35 (D,F) D McCain 4-9-1	J Carroll	78
5	(7)	1-05	PRENDS CA 55 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	85
6	(1)	2106	INDIAN SPARK 34 (D,S) W G M Turner 3-8-9	D Sweeney (5)	93
7	(4)	-202	ZA-IM 38 (D,S) B Hills 3-8-9	R Hills	95

2-1 Za-Im, 11-4 Cayman Kai, 11-2 Jayannpee, 6-1 Indian Spark, 7-1 Domulla, Prends Ca, 16-1 Zuhair.

8.00 GOLDWELL (HAIR/COSMETICS) MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,034: 6f) (15)

1	(14)	00	GIFT OF GOLD 23 I Campbell 8-11	DOUBTFUL	78
2	(12)		GOLDEN STRATEGY R Hannon 8-11	R Hughes	–
3	(11)	43	FUNDANCE 14 M Dods 8-8	J Reid	91
4	(10)	3	LITTLE INDIAN 23 S Woods 8-8	W Ryan	⊞
5	(8)		BODFARI PRIDE A Bailey 8-6	S Sanders	–
6	(13)	00	HEY UP MATE 36 (B) J Berry 8-6	K Darley	–
7	(4)	3	LIDO 30 (BF) B Hills 8-6	R Hills	78
8	(3)	06	ON THE MAT 17 J J O'Neill 8-6	J Carroll	67
9	(6)	4	SAINT ANN 32 M Johnston 8-6	B Doyle	93
10	(5)	44	THE GROVELLER 16 P Evans 8-6	J F Egan	91
11	(2)		COOL MYSTERY A Mulholland 8-3	S Drowne	–
12	(7)	0	SPICE GIRL 31 P Evans 8-1	Dale Gibson	–
13	(1)		DOUBLE APPEAL J H Wilson 7-12	Angela Hartley (7)	–
14	(9)		LESLEY'S ADVENTURE J H Wilson 7-12	C Rutter	–
15	(15)		MAGGICE R Hollinshead 7-12	D Wright	–

11-4 Lido, 3-1 Saint Ann, 4-1 Little Indian, 7-1 Golden Strategy, 8-1 Fundance, 10-1 The Groveller, 16-1 Bodfari Pride, Hey Up Mate, Spice Girl, 25-1 others

8.30 BIRCHLEY RATED HANDICAP
(£8,027: 7f 30yd) (10)

1	(1)	20-6	PLEADING 41 (F,S) H Candy 4-9-7	C Rutter	88
2	(9)	1010	ALBERT THE BEAR 14 (D,F,S) J Berry 4-9-5	K Darley	96
3	(6)	-310	GENEROUS LIBRA 17 (BF,D,F) D Loder 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	94
4	(7)	0010	BAND ON THE RUN 20 (CD,G) B McMahon 10-9-0	L Newton	93
5	(3)	1115	WEETMAN'S WEIGH 6 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-9	L Dettori	94
6	(2)	0001	JO MELL 6 (D,G,S) T Easterby 4-8-7 (3ex)	J Carroll	⊞
7	(8)	0031	Q FACTOR 7 (CD,F,S) D Haydn Jones 5-8-7 (3ex)	S Drowne	91
8	(10)	10-5	MY VALENTINA 47 (D,S) B Hills 3-8-3	R Hills	89
9	(5)	1030	PLAN FOR PROFIT 7 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-3	B Doyle	91
10	(4)	2040	DOUBLE-J 20 (F) K McAuliffe 3-8-2	J F Egan	94

11-4 Q Factor, 9-2 Jo Mell, 6-1 Generous Libra, 7-1 Band On The Run, 8-1 Albert The Bear, Weetman's Weigh, Plan For Profit, 12-1 others.

9.00 BAILEYS ORIGINAL IRISH CREAM CLAIMING STAKES (£2,835: 1m 3f 200yd) (6)

1	(4)	-026	WELSH MILL 21J (C,D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0	K Darley	⊞
2	(2)		SINGLE MAN F Lee 4-9-10	C Rutter	–
3	(6)		TYCOON TED W M Brisbourne 4-9-6	J F Egan	–
4	(1)	6304	FORZAIR 13 (D) J J O'Neill 5-9-4	J Carroll	89
5	(3)	00/0	BIG PAT 15 (D,F,G,S) J O'Shea 8-9-2	V Slattery	–
6	(5)	-204	SHABANAZ 25 (C,D,F,G,S) W Muir 12-9-0	J Reid	90

5-6 Welsh Mill, 9-4 Shabanaz, 9-2 Forzair, 16-1 Big Pat, 25-1 others.

9.30 ELLESMERE HANDICAP (£3,079: 5f) (9)

1	(5)	1012	BLESSINGINDISGUISE 7 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 4-10-0	G Parkin (5)	⊞
2	(3)	0-00	PANTHER 160 (D,F,G,S) P Evans 7-9-13	J F Egan	85
3	(7)	5-41	SUPERBIT 11 (C,D,G) B McMahon 5-9-11 (7ex)	L Newton	93
4	(4)	0008	CROSS THE BORDER 44 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-9-1	Alex Greaves	85
5	(8)	0600	PERFECT BRAVE 4 (F) J Balding 6-8-13	J Edmunds	89
6	(6)	1003	RICH GLOW 14 (D,F,G,S) N Bycroft 6-8-11	K Darley	82
7	(2)	340/	MY ABBEY 869 (D,F,G) A Bailey 8-8-8	S Sanders	–
8	(9)	3400	JOHN O'DREAMS 28 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A King 12-8-1	B Doyle	88
9	(1)	6603	GOOD TO TALK 11 (B) T Easterby 4-7-12	F Norton	95

2-1 Blessingindisguise, 4-1 Superbit, 5-1 Rich Glow, 13-2 Good To Talk, 7-1 Cross The Border, 10-1 Panther, John O'Dreams, 14-1 others

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
6.40 Sun Of Spring. 7.10 Scaraben. 7.40 Lapu-Lapu. 8.10 The Lambton Worm. 8.40 Nebuchanezzar. 9.10 Heubach Boy.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

6.40 TILNEY PORTFOLIO HANDICAP
(Lady amateurs: £2,794: 1m 3f 16yd) (10 runners)

1	0301	NOSEY NATIVE 15 (D,F,S) J Pearce 4-11-7	L Pearce 3
2	1021	SUN OF SPRING 4 (F,G) D Chapman 7-11-5 (5ex)	R Clark 4
3	0115	LORD ADVOCATE 16 (B,CD,S) D Nolan 9-11-0	D Carter (7) 6
4	3534	MADISON WELCOME 5 Mrs J Ramsden 3-10-12	E Ramsden (4) 10
5	3103	LOVE ME DO 4 M Johnston 3-10-12	C Williams (4) 8
6	6308	STALLED 15 (D,F,G) P Walwyn 7-10-10	B Blaxford (4) 7
7	0802	HIGH LOW 13J (F,G,S) M Hammond 9-10-5	A Hammond (7) 1
8	0464	PHILMIST 16 (B,D) Miss L Perratt 5-10-0	A Elsey 5
9	6850	HUTCHIES LADY 3 (C,S) R McKellar 5-9-8	H Cuthbert (7) 9
10	5000	RAPID MOVER 3 (B,CD,S) D Nolan 10-9-0	S Bosley 2

5-2 Sun Of Spring, 9-2 Madison Welcome, 5-1 Nosey Native, 7-1 Stalled, 8-1 Lord Advocate, Love Me Do, 10-1 High Low, 12-1 others.

7.10 FOUR SEASONS HEALTH AND BEAUTY CLINIC CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,696: 1m 1f 36yd) (5)

1	0602	WHITE PLAINS 20 (BF,D,F) K Burke 4-9-12	C Lowther (7) 4
2	4341	SCARABEN 8 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-9-7	J Stack 1
3	0064	MIDAS MAN 9 (B) D Nolan 6-9-1	P Bradley (7) 3
4	0000	RATTLE 14 D Nolan 4-9-1	K Sked (5) 2
5		RIBBONLETTA Miss L Perratt 3-8-0	N Kennedy 5

4-5 Scaraben, 11-10 White Plains, 20-1 Ribbonletta, 50-1 Rattle, 66-1 Midas Man.

7.40 PRECON BLOCK LIMITED STAKES
(£2,542: 1m) (4)

1	1005	POWER GAME 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-8	T E Durcan (5) 3
2	0066	CHADLEIGH LANE 15 (V,D) A Mulholland 5-9-6	C Lowther (7) 4
3	-006	CLASSIC BALLET 16 (D,F) R Guest 4-9-1	G Duffield 2
4	0325	LAPU-LAPU 28 (BF,D,F) M Camacho 4-9-1	L Charnock 1

10-11 Power Game, 7-4 Lapu-Lapu, 7-1 Classic Ballet, 8-1 Chadleigh Lane

8.10 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (£5,831: 6f) (6)

1	0135	PALACEGATE TOUCH 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-12	C Lowther (7) 5
2	2504	THE LAMBTON WORM 6 (D,F) D Smith 3-9-6	L Charnock 4
3	0411	MISTER WESTSOUND 13 (B,CD,G) L Perratt 5-8-0	N Kennedy 1
4	0303	LEADING PRINCESS 3 (B,CD,G) L Perratt 6-7-11	K Sked (5) 2
5	5041	ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 3 (CD,F,G,S) R McKellar 5-7-10 (6ex)	J Lowe 3
6	6435	DIET 4 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 11-7-10	J McAuley (7) 6

2-1 Palacegate Touch, 5-2 Mister Westsound, 9-2 The Lambton Worm, 9-1 others

8.40 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,225: 5f 4yd) (9)

1	0535	BURNT YATES 9 M W Easterby 9-0	Dale Gibson 3
2		FRIAR TUCK Miss L Perratt 9-0	N Kennedy 7
3		NEBUCHADNEZZAR J J O'Neill 9-0	T E Durcan (5) 1
4	2242	PRIX STAR 14 (V,BF) C Fairhurst 9-0	L Charnock 5
5	30	TAKE A TURN 7 M Channon 9-0	R Perham 8
6	00	LIBERTE BELL 21 M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield 9
7	3	MARIANA 16 R Whitaker 8-9	J Stack 6
8	36	MISS PUCI 15 J Berry 8-9	C Lowther (7) 2
9		DARE KITE P Monteith 8-9	J Lowe 4

15-8 Mariana, 11-4 Prix Star, 7-1 Dare Kite, 8-1 Burnt Yates, 10-1 others.

9.10 RAGE OF BOTHWELL MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,668: 1m 5f 9yd) (6)

1	0-00	MOONLIGHT INVADER 23 E Dunlop 3-9-10	J Stack 5
2	000	TAM O'SHANTER 16 C Thornton 3-9-8	J Fanning 1
3	3533	INDIGO DAWN 14 M Johnston 3-9-8	K M Chin (3) 4
4	0-04	MAZIRAH 7 (V) R Curtis 6-9-4	J Lowe 3
5	800	HEUBACH BOY 17 Mrs A Swinbank 3-9-0	G Duffield 2
6	0-40	IN A TIZZY 38 A Mulholland 4-8-12	Iona Wands (5) 6

8-15 Indigo Dawn, 100-30 Moonlight Invader, 11-2 Mazirah, 14-1 others.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER
6.50 Born A Lady. 7.20 Rex Mundi. 7.50 Bollin Frank. *8.20 Princely Heir. 8.50 First Village. 9.20 Marsh* Marigold.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.50 FERGUSON FAWSITT ARMS SELLING HANDICAP (£2,847: 7f 100yd) (15 runners)

1	-065	BOLD STREET 16 (B,D,G,S) G M Moore 7-10-0	N Carlisle 6
2	0636	SHONTAINE 4 (BF,D,F,G) M Johnston 4-10-0	J Weaver 11
3	0600	SMART GUEST 7 (F,G,S) D Shaw 5-9-11	D Pears (3) 4
4	0515	JAVA RED 17 (B,CD,F) J FitzGerald 5-9-6	K Fallon 8
5	0-06	SPECIAL-K 16 (CD,F,G) E Weymes 5-9-5	T Siddall (7) 12
6	0500	KLIPSPINGER 48 (D) B Rothwell 4-9-4	J Fortune 1
7	3025	ROCHEA 16 Mrs N Macauley 3-9-2	G Webster 3
8	0604	LEGEND OF ARAGON 9 (V,S) J Glover 3-9-1	T Pengkerego (7) 5
9	6600	FIRST GOLD 15 (D,F,G,S) J Wharton 8-9-0	J Quinn 10
10	4405	BORN A LADY 24 Mrs V Aconley 4-9-0	M Deering 9
11	0360	ORIEL LAD 9 (B,D,F,S) Enrico Incisa 4-8-13	Kim Tinkler 2
12	0143	PRIME PARTNER 1 (G) T Easterby 4-8-12	R Winston (7) 15
13	00-0	OLIFANTSFONTEIN 24 (V,F,G,S) J Wainwright 9-8-10	J Bramhill 13
14	5200	SAMSPET 4 R Fahey 3-8-9	A Culhane 14
15	0003	JILLY BEVELED 27 Ron Thompson 5-8-9	P Fessey (3) 7

5-1 Java Red, 6-1 Prime Partner, 7-1 Shontaine, Jilly Beveled, 8-1 Bold Street, Rochea, Legend Of Aragon, Samspet, 12-1 others

7.20 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Amateurs: £3,197: 1m 3f 216yd) (4)

1	-500	LALINDI 48 (B,D,F,S) A Stewart 6-12-0	C Ranson (4) 3
2	5062	PAY HOMAGE 25 (C,F,G) I Balding 9-11-12	A Balding 1
3	2-00	FULL THROTTLE 25 (D,F,G) M Tompkins 4-11-12	C Hills (4) 4
4	3-03	REX MUNDI 8 (F) P Evans 5-11-7	A Evans (4) 2

6-4 Pay Homage, 7-4 Rex Mundi, 3-1 Full Throttle, 8-1 Lalindi

7.50 WILLIAM JACKSONS HANDICAP
(£5,467: 1m 100yd) (9)

1	0001	PRIDE OF PENDLE 5 (CD,F,G,S) M Wane 8-10-2 (6ex)	Martin Dwyer (3) 4
2	-052	OPULENT 7 (S) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0	J Weaver 9
3	-422	BOLLIN FRANK 9 (BF,D,F,S) T Easterby 5-10-0	K Fallon 6
4	0456	DUELLO 28 (F,S) M Blanshard 6-9-12	J Quinn 2
5	6002	DUKE VALENTINO 23 (D) R Hollinshead 5-9-1	D Griffiths (3) 7
6	0202	SUPERPRIDE 8 (G) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-13	A Culhane 1
7	0000	WINSTON 7 (D,G) J Bethell 4-8-13	D Holland 5
8	-360	NIGHT OF GLASS 41 (V,D,F) J Eyre 4-8-12	M Gallagher 8
9	0044	THATCHED 9 (CD,F,G) R Barr 7-8-10	Dean McKeown 3

7-2 Pride Of Pendle, 4-1 Bollin Frank, 5-1 Opulent, Superpride, 7-1 others

8.20 WELLBEING NOVICE STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,210: 5f) (5)

1	1	PRINCELY HEIR 37 (D,F) M Johnston 9-4	J Weaver 4
2	1122	SANDSIDE 9 (BF,D,F,S) J Berry 9-4	P Fessey (3) 3
3	15	BLUSHING VICTORIA 66 (D,F) M Meade 8-13	R Brisland (7) 2
4	0	CAPE HOPE 16 R Boss 8-12	K Fallon 5
5	2133	BRANSTON BERRY 28 (BF,CD,S) J Eyre 8-11	R Lappin 1

11-10 Princely Heir, 11-4 Sandside, 5-1 Branston Berry, 8-1 others.

8.50 JACKSONS FAMILY FOODSTORE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,673: 5f) (16)

1		COLONEL CUSTER C Thornton 9-0	Dean McKeown 11
2		ITSNOTYETNAMED A Smith 9-0	R Lappin 2
3		NUCLEAR DEBATE Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	J Fortune 7
4	0	PERCY 24 J Bottomley 9-0	N Carlisle 14
5	2265	QUIZ MASTER 14 (BF) E Weymes 9-0	J Quinn 16
6		REQUESTOR J FitzGerald 9-0	K Fallon 10
7	6	SMART PRINCE 14 J J Quinn 9-0	T Williams 6
8	0	TECHNICIAN 11 M James 9-0	M Fenton 9
9	02	TWO WILLIAMS 4 M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas 8
10		CATFOOT LANE W G M Turner 8-9	A Culhane 4
11	3	FIRST VILLAGE 31 (BF) J Berry 8-9	P Fessey (3) 12
12		HOYLAND COMMON N Tinkler 8-9	Kim Tinkler 5
13	5	KETTLESING 60 (B) M W Easterby 8-9	J Weaver 3
14		LAPIMI Mrs N Macauley 8-9	S Webster 15
15	0	LUNCHTIME GIRL 14 J Bethell 8-9	D Holland 13
16	3	OPOPMIL 15 T Easterby 8-9	W J O'Connor 1

9-4 First Village, 6-1 Two Williams, 7-1 Opopmil, 8-1 Requestor, Kettlesing, 10-1 Quiz Master, 12-1 Nuclear Debate, Smart Prince, 14-1 others.

9.20 SANCTON FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,966: 1m 1f 207yd) (9)

1	1100	LINDRICK LADY 18 (C,S) B Rothwell 9-7	J Fortune 1
2	1423	MARSH MARIGOLD 4 (BF,D,F,S) J Hetherton 9-7	K Fallon 7
3	53-3	LOCHLASS 181 S Woods 9-4	W J O'Connor 5
4	-530	DANCING QUEEN 23 M Bell 9-2	M Fenton 8
5	6003	INCLINATION 13 M Blanshard 9-0	J Quinn 2
6	00-2	DOUBLE EIGHT 18 B Hills 9-0	D Holland 4
7	-004	RIVER OF FORTUNE 11 (F) M Tompkins 8-12	M Henry (3) 9
8	0000	GLORIOUS DANCER 16 J Hetherton 7-10	N Carlisle 3
9	0-06	SHOTLEY PRINCESS 3 N Bycroft 7-10	P Fessey (3) 6

3-1 Double Eight, 4-1 Inclination, 5-1 Marsh Marigold, Dancing Queen, 6-1 others

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.10 Hype Energy
2.40 Classic Manouevre
3.10 Premier Generation
3.40 Daunting Lady
4.10 Therhea
4.40 Book At Bedtime

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 SALLY GREEN (nap). 2.35 Muhtathir. 3.10 Typhoon Eight.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 KPMG HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,550: 5f 6yd) (10 runners)

1	(7)	4423213	NOPALEA 18 (BF,D,F) (T Naughton) T Naughton 9-7	Pat Eddery	93
2	(9)	015-532	SALLY GREEN 25 (K Stenberg) C Wall 9-5	L Dettori	95
3	(2)	645400-	ROYAL ORCHID 190 (Mahmood Al-Shuaibi) R Hannon 8-3	Dane O'Neill	89
4	(6)	0-00360	GUNNERS GLORY 10 (B,D,F) (T Fanning) B Meehan 9-0	B Doyle	85
5	(8)	025-000	HYPE ENERGY 18 (B Hooboden) G Lewis 8-13	A Clark	94
6	(4)	0600-06	M T VESSEL 7 (B) (Marten Thornton & Company) J Jenkins 8-2	G Carter	–
7	(1)	5640346	WHIZZ KID 6 (D,F) (J Bridger) J Bridger 8-2	R Mullen (5)	⊞
8	(5)	04-0000	DANCING MYSTERY 11 (A Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 7-12	S Carson (7)	80
9	(10)	1046-00	SINGFORYOURSUPPER 15 (CD,S) (Mrs S Marks) G Margarson 7-10	G Bardwell	91
10	(3)	0000	DURABLE GEORGE 9 (Mrs J Stamp) J Bridger 7-10	A Daly (5)	–

Long handicap: Singforyoursupper 7-8, Durable George 7-8

BETTING: 7-4 Sally Green, 7-2 Nopalea, 11-2 Whizz Kid, 7-1 Gunners Glory, 8-1 Singforyoursupper, 12-1 Royal Orchid, Hype Energy, 16-1 others.

1996: CLAN CHIEF 9-0 T Quinn (2-1 fav) J Arnold 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

NOPALEA 2¼l 3rd of 11 to William's Well in handicap at Musselburgh (5f, good). SALLY GREEN ¾l 2nd of 14 to Daryella in Handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm). ROYAL ORCHID 29l last of 7 to Island Prince in handicap at Lingfield (6f, AW). GUNNERS GLORY 21l 8th of 9 to Silca Key Silca in handicap at Lingfield (6f, good). WHIZZ KID 4¾l 6th of 8 to Superlan in handicap at Lingfield (6f, soft). SINGFORYOURSUPPER 25l 10th of 12 to Johnnie The Joker in handicap at Southwell (1m, AW).

Selection: SALLY GREEN

2.35 PILLAR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,612: 7f 16yd) (4 runners)

1	(3)	61	MUHTATHIR 21 (CD,G) (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-1	R Hills	98
2	(1)	44	CLASSIC MANOEUVRE 15 (P & J Green) R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery	⊞
3	(4)	0	ERIKA'S YOUNG MAN 25 (G Butterfield) M Haynes 8-11	M Henry (3)	–
4	(2)		CELESTIAL BAY (Benham Racing) A Foster 8-3	B Doyle	–

BETTING: 4-5 Muhtathir, 11-10 Classic Manoeuvre, 33-1 Erika's Young Man, Celestial Bay

1996: GROOM'S GORDON 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-2) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUHTATHIR beat Cragsteel ½l in 15-runner maiden over course and distance (good to firm). CLASSIC MANOEUVRE 6l 4th of 12 to Central Park in listed race at Royal Ascot (7f, good). ERIKA'S YOUNG MAN last of 24 to Lord Kintyre in auction maiden at Windsor (6f, good to firm). CELESTIAL BAY (foaled Apr 4), half-sister by Star de Naskra to top-class North American stakes winner In Excess.

Selection: CLASSIC MANOEUVRE (nap)

3.10 E D & F MAN HANDICAP
(£3,648: 1m 3f 91yd) (9 runners)

1	(2)	12-0053	SOFYAAN 14 (S) (E Penser) Lady Herries 4-10-0	R Cochrane	95
2	(4)	0/060/2	HAWKER HUNTER 27 (F) (Dr G Madan Mohan) R Akehurst 6-9-12	T Quinn	96
3	(9)	25/0664	ROYAL SEATON 49 (F,S) (Airmaster Carpets) Mrs P Duffield 6-9-8	R Havlin (3)	98
4	(7)	00010-3	TYPHOON EIGHT 39 (G) (M Sau) R Armstrong 5-9-4	G Carter	93
5	(8)	2-00005	MAGIC COMBINATION 14 (F,G) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-9-3	W Ryan	94
6	(1)	0434530	TEMPTRESS 14 (F,S) (P Barratt) J A Harris 4-9-2	L Dettori	⊞
7	(5)	-422135	PREMIER GENERATION 21 (S) (Mrs W Dram) D Arbuthnot 4-9-2	D Holland	92
8	(6)	150-026	DRAMATIC MOMENT 14 (F) (Mrs R Plummer) J Arnold 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	95
9	(3)	240-063	ROCK THE BARNEY 24 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Marks) M Usher 8-7-10	R Mullen (5)	89

Long handicap: Rock The Barney 7-3

BETTING: 11-4 Hawker Hunter, 4-1 Sofyaan, 5-1 Typhoon Eight, 6-1 Temptress, 8-1 Premier Generation, Dramatic Moment, 10-1 Royal Seaton, Rock The Barney, 16-1 Magic Combination.

1996: EDAN HEIGHTS 4-8-13 A Daly (16-1) S Dow 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOFYAAN ¾l 3rd of 12 to Travelmate in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft) with MAGIC COMBINATION (3lb better off) 3½l 5th and TEMPTRESS (4lb better off) 6½l 8th. HAWKER HUNTER neck 2nd of 11 to Northern Motto in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm). ROYAL SEATON 13½l 4th to 7 to Whitechapel in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft). TYPHOON EIGHT 6½l 3rd of 16 to Fahs in handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm). PREMIER GENERATION 10½l last of 5 to Anak-ku in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). DRAMATIC MOMENT 6½l 6th of 11 to Koraloona in handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft). ROCK THE BARNEY 1¾l 3rd of 20 to Norsong in claiming handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm).

Selection: TYPHOON EIGHT

3.40 WATES CENTENARY DRAGON STAKES
(listed race: 2-Y-O: £10,159: 5f 6yd) (3 runners)

1	(1)	114	BODYGUARD 15 (BF,D,F,G) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-3	T Quinn	92
2	(2)	113	DAUNTING LADY 16 (CD,G,S) (E Nagel-Erichsen) R Hannon 8-12	Pat Eddery	⊞
3	(3)	31633	AURIGNY 4 (BF,D,F) (J & S Kelly) S Dow 8-10	W Ryan	91

BETTING: 8-11 Daunting Lady, 9-4 Bodyguard, 7-2 Aurigny

1996: VAX STAR 8-10 J Weaver (9-4 jt fav) J Spearing 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BODYGUARD about 2¼l 4th to Tippitt Boy in 6-runner group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good). DAUNTING LADY 3l 3rd to Nadwah in group III Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm). AURIGNY 2½l 3rd to Ella in 9-runner auction novice race at Windsor (5f, good to soft).

Selection: BODYGUARD

4.10 CORPORATE SERVICES GROUP HANDICAP
(£3,615: 1m 14yd) (8 runners)

1	(8)	6-44400	KAILEY SENOR 11 (G) (P Shing Woo) R Armstrong 4-9-13	R Price	95
2	(5)	0-50204	ZIDAC 20 (F,G) (B Brackpool) P Makin 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	95
3	(3)	0006212	THERHEA 5 (D,G,S) (R Gudge, C Lewis & M Calvert) B Millman 4-9-9	B Doyle	⊞
4	(6)	043-201	BABA AU RHUM 20 (CD,G) (Mr & Mrs J Poynton) I Williams 5-9-6	A Clark	95
5	(1)	234-065	FIONN DE COOL 9 (D,F) (Canisbay Bloodstock Ltd) R Akehurst 6-9-4	T Quinn	96
6	(4)	000060-	COMANCHE COMPANION 247 (CD,F,G,S) T Naughton 7-8-13	Dane O'Neill	93
7	(7)	00-0523	RENATA'S PRINCE 13 (BF,G) (P Sweeting) K Burke 4-8-5	L Dettori	94
8	(2)	25-0000	COASTGUARDS HERO 14 (Coastguards of Bognor Regis) M Usher 4-8-1	J Marshall	80

BETTING: 9-4 Therhea, 3-1 Fionn De Cool, 4-1 Baba Au Rhum, 5-1 Zidac, Renata's Prince, 12-1 Comanche Companion, 16-1 Kailey Senor, 50-1 Coastguards Hero

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

KAILEY SENOR 11l 8th of 9 to American Whisper in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). ZIDAC 1½l 4th of 13 to Zaralek in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm). THERHEA ½l 2nd of 13 to No Extras in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to soft). BABA AU RHUM beat Desert Time 2l over course and distance (good to firm). FIONN DE COOL 5l 5th of 13 to Purchasing Power in handicap at Epsom (7f, good to soft). COMMANCHE COMPANION 3½l 7th of 20 to Absolute Magic in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good). RENATA'S PRINCE 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Harvey White in handicap at Lingfield (1m 1f, good).

Selection: ZIDAC

4.40 QUEEN SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,534: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

1	(4)	04	FINAL STAGE 48 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-11	R Havlin (3)	60
2	(5)	5-00033	PADAUK 21 (G Stenberg) M Haynes 3-8-11	T Quinn	66
3	(2)	4203	BOOK AT BEDTIME 16 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-6	L Dettori	⊞
4	(1)	0	VEUVE CLICQUOT 14 (J Gompertz) R Armstrong 3-8-6	R Price	–
5	(3)	25	VRENNAN 16 (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	76

BETTING: 1-2 Book At Bedtime, 11-2 Final Stage, 13-2 Vrennan, 7-1 Padauk, 14-1 Veuve Clicquot

1996: CLERKENWELL 3-8-11 Pat Eddery (8-11 fav) M Stoute 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

FINAL STAGE 15¾l 4th of 15 to Garuda in maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, soft). PADAUK 5l 3rd of 13 to Arriving in handicap here (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm). BOOK AT BEDTIME 2¼l 3rd of 11 to Windsor Castle in group III Queen's Vase at Ascot (2m, good to firm). VEUVE CLICQUOT 15l 9th of 10 to Bombazine in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). VRENNAN 6½l 5th of 18 to Mumans in maiden at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good).

Selection: BOOK AT BEDTIME

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	21	105	20.0	Pat Eddery	56	253	22.1
J Fanshawe	13	65	20.0	L Dettori	40	203	19.7
P Chapple-Hyam	5	26	19.2	G Carter	11	61	18.0
Lady Herries	8	42	19.0	T Quinn	26	197	13.2
R Armstrong	8	57	14.0	Dane O'Neill	10	77	13.0
C Wall	3	23	13.0	R Cochrane	10	110	10.0

Beverley in doubt

THE meeting at Beverley tonight is the latest fixture to be put in jeopardy by the wet spell. John Cleverly, the clerk of the course, said last night: "There is a doubt. We had two inches of rain on Monday and another eight millimetres on Tuesday. It is just about raceable, but if there is any more rain we will have a precautionary inspection in the morning."

SPECIALISTS

BEVERLEY: Trainers: M Bell, 8 winners from 30 runners, 26.7%; A Stewart, 4 from 16, 25.0%; M Wane, 4 from 17, 23.5%. Jockeys: M Fenton, 12 winners from 58 rides, 20.7%; D Holland, 9 from 55, 16.4%; J Weaver, 19 from 140, 13.6%.

HAMILTON PARK: Trainers: J Pearce, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Prescott, 11 from 35, 31.4%; M W Easterby, 5 from 17, 29.4%. Jockeys: G Duffield, 17 winners from 93 rides, 18.3%; K Sked, 6 from 33, 18.2%; N Kennedy, 11 from 71, 15.5%.

HAYDOCK PARK: Trainers: S Woods, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; R Bastiman, 3 from 12, 25.0%; B Hills, 16 from 74, 21.6%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 24 winners from 75 rides, 32.0%; W Ryan, 25 from 100, 25.0%; R Hills, 17 from 82, 20.7%.

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GOLF

Westwood cements reputation

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

THE combination of a course prepared to render a stern examination and two of Europe's most exciting and gifted young competitors playing near their best made the opening day of the Murphy's Irish Open a satisfying one. Open championships should be difficult to win and the courses on which they are played should bring out the best in the best players. In both these regards, the Druids Glen course and the Irish Open this year are exemplary.

Lee Westwood, 24, and Thomas Bjorn, 26, are two of Europe's young Turks and, with the Ryder Cup less than three months away, their presence at the head of such a strong field must be reassuring for Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain. Westwood's 65, six under par, was a course record. Bjorn is one stroke behind. Colin Montgomerie, the defending champion, had a 68. Nick Faldo a 69.

Westwood has had little other than hosannas sung in his praise all season. Montgomerie last week described him as the best player in Europe under 30 and yesterday further words of praise were added by Faldo. The two of them played a practice round together before the recent US Open and Faldo was struck by the distances that Westwood hits the ball.

"He is 30 yards longer than me," Faldo said. "Once he has learnt how to win, then he has the potential to become a dominant force in European golf. You learn more by losing than by winning because you learn from your mistakes."

Westwood made such a good start that after five holes that it was clear that a low score was likely. He was five under par, thanks to three birdies and an eagle. His power on a day when there was virtually no run on the ball and a slight wind was impressive. The 10th is 440 yards long and he needed only a seven-iron for his second. On the 522-yard 11th, he hit a drive of more than 290 yards and a two-iron that travelled 230 yards and ended four feet from the flag.

Bjorn, who won over the difficult Loch Lomond course last year, was no less impressive than Westwood. He hit 17 greens in the requisite figures and said afterwards: "My game is spot on. I am playing really well."

No hole epitomises the challenge presented by Druids Glen so well as the 13th, which may be the hardest par-four in Europe. It runs along the base of a valley. One side is lined by trees, the other by rock.

From the raised tee, the fairway curves to the right and is crossed by a stream that widens near the putting surface to catch any balls that veer to the left. The average number of strokes taken on this hole was 4.91 before all the field had finished, which made it more difficult than two of the par-fives.

Compounding its difficulties is the fact that players had to wait on the tee yesterday. Montgomerie, for example, was there for more than 20 minutes. Fives were commonplace, sixes not unusual. Retief Goosen, who won in France on Sunday, ran up a seven, as did Richard Green, Stephen Hamill and John McHenry. Carl Suneson took an eight.

Montgomerie's four was not as uneventful as it might sound. His tee-shot dribbled away to the left rough. From there, he dithered between selecting a five-iron and a metal three-wood before settling on the wood because it would scythe through the grass better. The stroke of luck came when his ball, which appeared to be going to the left and perhaps into the water, caught the branch of a tree and rebounded on to the putting surface.

"It is some hole," Montgomerie said. "I had a seven, five and two fours there last year. We used to think that the toughest hole in Europe was the 4th at Gleneagles, but this one is harder."

Headley lives up to proud tradition

Simon Wilde on a player making his own way in the path of famous forebears

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Headley shows his delight at taking the wicket of Elliott at Old Trafford yesterday

No cricketing family has provided more convincing evidence that talent is in the genes than the Headleys, of Jamaica and Stourbridge, who, by introducing its latest son, Dean, into the England team at Old Trafford yesterday, became the first "house" ever to provide three successive generations of Test players.

Once he had located the right length, Dean fell into a good rhythm and moved the ball testingly off the seam, especially to Australia's left-handers, three of whom he dismissed with balls that left them. He extracted Mark Taylor — not a bad first scalp — with his eighteenth ball, having taken a wicket with his first ball in championship cricket six years ago.

When he is playing well, he looks the most natural cricketer in the world, as one would expect of a grandson of George, who played 22 times for West Indies but spent several years after the Second World War in the northern leagues, and son of Ron, who made England his home and played for Worcestershire for many seasons, but appeared twice for West Indies — at the Oval and Edgbaston — in 1973.

> 'It wasn't clear if he would be a batsman or bowler'

However, much of Dean's career has been spent striving for fitness. This season he has been troubled by back problems — he was obliged to prove his fitness before playing here — before which he had a serious hip complaint. Phil Neale, the first XI captain at Worcestershire, and Don Bennett, the coach at Middlesex, both recalled yesterday that he was rarely free from injury during spells at their counties.

They both also remembered how good a batsman Headley was. "He could bat a bit," Neale remembered of the two years he spent at New Road, where, because Worcestershire were county champions in both years, he was released without playing a first-team game. "He brought the bat down straight. It was not at all clear at that time whether he would turn out a batsman or bowler."

One of the reasons Headley left Middlesex for Kent — his present county — in 1992 was because he did not feel he would receive the opportunities he wanted to bat, Bennett said. "We obviously wanted to keep him badly, because he was a very promising bowler and a lovely lad, but he felt he could get more batting with someone else."

As it has worked out, though, Headley's batting has not flourished at Kent as either he or others expected. He averaged 20 last year and of late has been going in at No 10 or No 11 for his county.

For the gene theory to hold, Dean ought to show aptitude with the willow, because his father and grandfather were both, of course, batsmen, George being among the greatest the game has known. His average in Tests was 60.83 and in all first-class matches 69.86, figures that, taken together, have been exceeded only by Sir Donald Bradman. The first time he played Test cricket at Old Trafford, 64 years ago, he danced his way to 145 not out, finishing unbeaten on 169 the next day.

Had the social bonds between the male Headleys been stronger, one wonders whether Dean might not now be batting for England, as one suspects he would secretly like, but while Ron decided to settle in the West Midlands, George decided to return to Jamaica and they did not grow close again until the last years of George's life: he died in 1983, aged 74.

Fortunately, this occurred in time for third generation to meet first. "I met my grandfather for two days when I was about 11," Dean said this week. "He came to our home in Stourbridge and we went into the back garden and hit a few balls. He was small, I remember that. I had read so much about him it was like meeting Viv Richards for the first time. He was not just just my grandfather, but a great cricketer."

The family ties are strong now, though. Ron has been closely involved in Dean's career and he made sure he was at the ground yesterday. Unfortunately, he got stuck in traffic and missed his son's first wicket.

OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Thorpe b Headley (22min, 20 balls)	2
M T G Elliott c Stewart b Headley (130min, 98 balls, 4 fours)	40
G S Blewett b Gough (18min, 13 balls, 1 four)	8
M E Waugh c Stewart b Ealham (38min, 27 balls, 2 fours)	12
S R Waugh not out (208min, 153 balls, 12 fours)	102
M G Bevan c Stewart b Headley (25min, 16 balls, 1 four)	7
†I A Healy c Stewart b Caddick *(35min, 20 balls, 1 four)*	9
S K Warne c Stewart b Ealham (13min, 7 balls)	3
P R Reiffel not out (80min, 64 balls, 1 four)	26
Extras (b 8, lb 4, nb 3)	15
Total (7 wkts, 69 overs, 287min)	224

J N Gillespie and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9 (Elliott 7), 2-22 (Elliott 12), 3-42 (Elliott 19), 4-85 (S R Waugh 22), 5-113 (S R Waugh 35), 6-150 (S R Waugh 63), 7-160 (S R Waugh 69)

BOWLING: Gough 17-6-46-1 (6 fours; 8-5-10-1, 6-0-27-0, 3-1-9-0); Headley 23-4-67-3 (nb 1, 4 fours; 8-1-18-1, 10-1-30-2, 5-2-19-0); Caddick 14-2-52-1 (nb 1; 5 fours; 5-1-13-0, 9-1-39-1); Ealham 11-1-34-2 (nb 1; 6 fours; 4-0-22-1, 5-1-11-1, 2-1-1-0); *Croft 4-0-13-0* (2-0-6-0, 2-0-7-0)

SCORING NOTES: First day: Lunch: 78-3 (30 overs, 123min; Elliott 36, S R Waugh 19). Tea: 162-7 (51 overs, 215min; S R Waugh 70, Reiffel 1).

ENGLAND *M A Atherton, M A *Butcher, †A J Stewart, N Hussain*, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, M A Ealham, R D B Croft, D Gough, A R Caddick and D W Headley.

Umpires: G Sharp and S Venkataraghavan (India).

Third umpire: J H Hampshire.

Match referee: R S Madugalle (Sri Lanka).

SERIES DETAILS: First (Edgbaston): *England won by nine wickets.* Second (Lord's): Match drawn.

TESTS TO COME: *Fourth* (Headingley): *July 24-28*; Fifth (Trent Bridge): August 7-11; Sixth (The Oval): August 21-25.

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Wagh and Fulton illuminate Oxford's defiance

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of three): Cambridge University, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 160 runs ahead of Oxford University

CAMBRIDGE continued to hold the best cards yesterday, as they have done virtually throughout this match. Mark Wagh and James Fulton brought Oxford back into the game with some rousing strokes either side of the lunch interval, but, as the shadows lengthened, Anurag Singh batted with such power that there is a strong likelihood of Oxford facing an uncomfortably large total later today.

The Cambridge lead of 86 on the first innings was useful, but not as decisive as they would have wished. Nor was it anywhere near as large as at one time seemed likely. At 87 for four, Oxford stood in dire peril.

Fulton and Wagh displayed a solid, watchful defence, but while Wagh chanced his arm at anything remotely wayward, Fulton's role remained largely passive. He became more expansive after Wagh lost his middle stump to Steffan Jones, but, in sight of a brave century, he was neatly stumped, down the leg side. By then, Oxford were back in the match, although the tail was wrapped up rapidly.

Steffan Jones's figures of six for 67 from nearly 29 overs tell a story of fast-medium accuracy all too rarely seen these days.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 358 for 6 dec (W J House 94, A Singh 91, R O Jones 58; C Patel 6 for 110).

Second Innings

J Ratledge not out	30
E T Smith b Patel	1
*A Singh not out	43
Total (1 wkt)	74

FALL OF WICKET: 1-16.

BOWLING: Averis 10-3-31-0; Patel 8-3-34-1; Battarbee 2-0-8-0; Wagh 1-0-1-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C G R Lightfoot c Churton b How	8
B W Byrne lbw b P S Jones	14
†A P Scrini run out	14
*M A Wagh b P S Jones	82
P G Morgan c House b Janisch	18
J A G Fulton st Churton b R O Jones	78
R D Hudson c Churton b P S Jones	6
C Patel lbw b P S Jones	8
J M M Averis c Churton b P S Jones	5
L G Buchanan b P S Jones	7
C M Battarbee not out	3
Extras (b 9, lb 4, w 14; nb 2)	29
Total	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-37, 3-54, 4-87, 5-190, 6-221, 7-252, 8-253, 9-261.

BOWLING: P S Jones 28.4-10-67-6; How 25-8-74-1; Janisch 9-0-58-1; Freeth 11-2-30-0; House 1-0-2-0; R O Jones 8-0-27-1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and D R Shepherd.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LAUSANNE: Grand Prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, M Greene (US) 9.90sec; 2, F Fredericks (Nam) 9.91; 3, D Bailey (Can) 9.97, 7, L Christie (GB) 10.12. 200m: 1, A Boldon (Trin) 20.23, 2, K Little (US) 20.28, 3, O Thompson (Barbados) 20.32. 400m: 1, H Reynolds (US) 44.08, 2, I Thomas (GB) 44.46; 3, T Washington (US) 44.64, 4, M Richardson (GB) 44.70. 800m: 1, W Kipketer (Den) 1min 42.61sec, 2, P Ndururi (Ken) 1:44.23, 3, F Onyancha (Ken) 1:44.39. 1,500m: 1, M Suleiman (Qatar) 3:38.31; 2, *I Viciosa (Sp) 3:38.56* 3, E Maru (Ken) 3:38.73. 5,000m: 1, P Bitok (Ken) 13:11.30, 2, S Hissou (Mor) 13:11.84; 3, F Bayesa *(Eth) 13.12.68 3,000m steeple*chase: 1, M Kiptanui (Ken) 8:12.20; 2, W Boit (Ken) 8:12.89; 3, B Barmasai (Ken) 8:13.15. 110m hurdles: 1, A Johnson (US) 13.17sec; 2, M Crear (US) 13.21, 3, A Garcia (Cuba) 13.27, 4, C Jackson (GB) 13.28. 400m hurdles: 1, B Bronson (US) 47.77; 2, S Matete (Zam) 48.33; 3, S Diagana (Fr) 48.47. Discus: 1, L Riedel (Ger) 65.56m, 2, A Seiliff (US) 63.44; 3, A Seelig (Ger) 62.46. Triple jump: 1, K Harrison (US) 17.43m; 2, Y Quesada (Cuba) 17.31, 3, D Kaspustin (Russ) 17.20. *Women: 100m: 1, G Devers (US) 10.89sec;* 2, M Jones (US) 10.90; 3, Z Pintusevitch (Ukr) 11.07. 200m: 1, M Gainsford (Aus) *22.75, 2,* M-J Perec (Fr) 22.76; 3, M Frazer (Jam) 22.78. 400m: 1, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 50.19, 2, J Miles (US) 50.21, 3, C Opara (Nigeria) 50.68. Mile: 1, S Hamilton (US) 4min 26.01sec; 2, A Weyermann (Switz) 4:26.97; 3, L Borisova (Russ) 4:28.06. 100m hurdles: 1, L Engqvist (Swe) 12.65sec, 2, B Bukovec (Slovenia) 12.78, 3, M Freeman (Jam) 12.83. 400m hurdles: 1, D Hemmings (Jam) 53.77, 2, T Tereshchuk (Ukr) 54.54; 3, K Batten (US) 54.83. High jump: 1, I Babakova (Ukr) 1.92m; 2, S Zalevskaya (Kazak) 1.88, 3, T Motkova *(Russ) 1.88. Triple jump: 1, S Kasparkova* (Cz) 14.69m; 2, Y Govorova (Ukr) 14.39m, 3, T Marinova (Bul) 13.82. Javelin: 1, F Tilea (Rom) 65.78m, 2, S Bicet (Cuba) 62.16, 3, O Ovchinnikova (Russ) 60.56

BASEBALL

INTER-LEAGUE GAMES: Cincinnati (National League) 7 Milwaukee 4 (American League). Detroit (AL) 9 New York Mets (NL) 7, Atlanta (NL) 2 New York Yankees (AL) 0; *Chicago Cubs (NL) 3 Kansas City (AL) 2.* Baltimore (AL) 10 Philadelphia (NL) 6. Oakland (AL) 8 San Francisco (NL) 1; Florida (NL) 3 Boston (AL) 2; Pittsburgh (NL) 3 Chicago White Sox (AL) 1. Texas (AL) 9 Colorado (NL) 1. Toronto Toronto 7 Montreal (NL) 6 (13inns): Houston (NL) 6 Cleveland (AL) 2; Houston (NL) 2 Minnesota (AL) 1 (10inns), Los Angeles (NL) 5 *Anaheim (AL) 4; San Diego (NL) 8 Seattle* (AL) 5

BOWLS

WORTHING: Home International championships: England bt Channel Islands 134-113 (England skips first: D Ward lost to V *Darcy 17-21; D Denison bt P James 21-16;* A Thomson bt D Simon 23-18; L Miller bt D Le Marquand 26-23, D Cutler bt P Ingrouille 23-16; A Allcock bt C Renouf 24-19), Scotland bt Ireland 122-100 (Scotland skips first: W W Wood bt P Smyth 25-18; G Adrain lost to S Allen 17-19, G Robertson bt E Parkinson 18-16, A Marshall bt G McCloy 17-15; R Corsie bt N Graham 25-21; *J Aitken bt G Scott 20-11)*

AYR: Scottish women's national championships: First round: E McEwan (Lanark Thistle) bt A Singer (Hoddwell) 21-13, L Magonan (Cumnock) M Yorkston (Prestongrange) 21-14; J Fisher (Bridge of Allan) S Steven (Uphall Station) 21-18; E McCartney (Dreghorn) E Menzies (Moray) 21-11, I McCulloch (Drongan) A O'Donnell (Grangemouth) 21-12, S Slater (Colinton) C Laffa (Queens Park) 21-16; L Stewart (Upper Cowal) M Campbell (Longside) 21-14, S Wilson (Westermains) D Halliday (Fairfield) *21-19, J Lindores (Ettrick Forest) I Findlay* (Duffus Park) 21-13, A White (Brock) L Emslie (Culper) 21-18; K Chisholm (Planefield) E Anderson (Arbroath) 21-11, A Christie (Willow Bank) G Smith (Leith) 21-8, B Louden (Priorscroft) J McFadnes (Westnetherton) 21-8, A Utley (Blackburn) J Slowey (Eddlewood) 21-16; E Johnstone (Buckhaven) H Sloan (Lochmaben) 21-17, *J McCormack (Calderbank) I Stewart (Fouey)* 21-7

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four: Chesterfield: Leicestershire 300-5 (J M Dakin 100, S Richardson 87) v Derbyshire. First day of three: Luton: Todmorden: Durham 193 (G J Batty 6-49): Yorkshire 91-1. Bristol: Gloucestershire 187-3 (M G N Windows 83 not out, M J Church 50) v Surrey. RAF Uxbridge: Sussex 147 (T A Radford 51; N D Martin 4-25); Middlesex 158-2 (B L Hutton 72). Second day three: Kent 350-8 dec, Northamptonshire 65-1. Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Essex. No play, rain. Worcester: Warwickshire 130-1 v Worcestershire. No play, rain

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Toft: Cheshire 206 (J D Bean 79; J G Wyatt 5-25). Devon 73-2. Match drawn. Jesmond: Northumberland v Suffolk. Match abandoned. Cannock: Cambridgeshire 166-8 (S A Kellett 56; A Richardson 4-64) v Staffordshire. Match drawn.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Chigwell 217-3dec *(M Ali 100 not out)* * *Brentwood 151-3 (E* Kirby 107 not out), * Christ's, Brecon 198-8dec XL Club 121-7; * King's, Rochester 175 King's, Ely 87. MCC 236-3dec * Bancroft 121-5; *Haileybury 229-5dec* Cheltenham 56-1; Marlborough 106 * Sherborne 45-2; Wallington GS 117 * RGS Guildford 118-0 * denotes home team

FOOTBALL

KARLSKOGA, Sweden: Women's European championship: Group A: Spain 0 Sweden 1, Russia 1 France 3.

GOLF

DRUIDS GLEN, County Wicklow: Murphy's Irish Open: Leading early first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 65: L Westwood. 66: T Bjorn (Den). 67: R McFarlane, *S Richardson.* 68: D Gilford, C Montgomerie. 69: N Faldo, R Chapman, K Vainola (Fin), C Rocca (It). 70: R Lee, W Westner (SA), P Price, G Evans, P Baker, A *Binaghi (It). E Darcy. R Muntz (Holl).*

BELTON WOODS: European Challenge Tour event: Leading final scores (all Great Britain). 275: S Dodd 70, 68, 69, 68. 278: C Evans 72, 67, 69, 70. 282: L Vannet 68, 71, 72, 71, P Affleck 73, 65, 74, 70; S Andrew 69, 67, 69, 77. 284: S Thompson 70, 72, 70, 72; N Brown 76, 69, 72, 67, A Wall 76, 69, 67, 72; N Mitchell 73, 73, 66, 72

GLIDING

ST AUBAN, France: World championships: No flying yesterday due to poor weather conditions

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls 34 Castleford Tigers 20; Paris Saint-Germain 16 Salford Reds 24, Sheffield *Eagles 14 St Helens 12, Leeds Rhinos 20* Halifax Blue Sox 18

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sixth leg: Boston to Southampton (positions at 1402GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): *1, Toshiba Wave Warrior 2,462;* 2, Courtaulds Int 2,463, 3, Commercial Union 2,463, 4, Global Teamwork 2,464, 5, Motorola 2,466, 6, Group 4 2,466, 7, Health Insured II 2,467, 8, Pause To Remember 2,468, 9, Nuclear Electric 2,468; 10, Time & Tide 2,471; 11, Save The Children 2,473; 12, Ocean Rover 2,474, 13, 3Com 2,475; 14, Concert 2,479.

SHOOTING

*KOUVOLA, Finland: European champion*ships: Junior rifle teams (After countback): 1, Hungary 1,767; 2, Yugoslavia 1,767; 3, Great Britain 1,767 (J Croydon 593; *G Phelp 588; M Brierley 586)*

SPEEDWAY

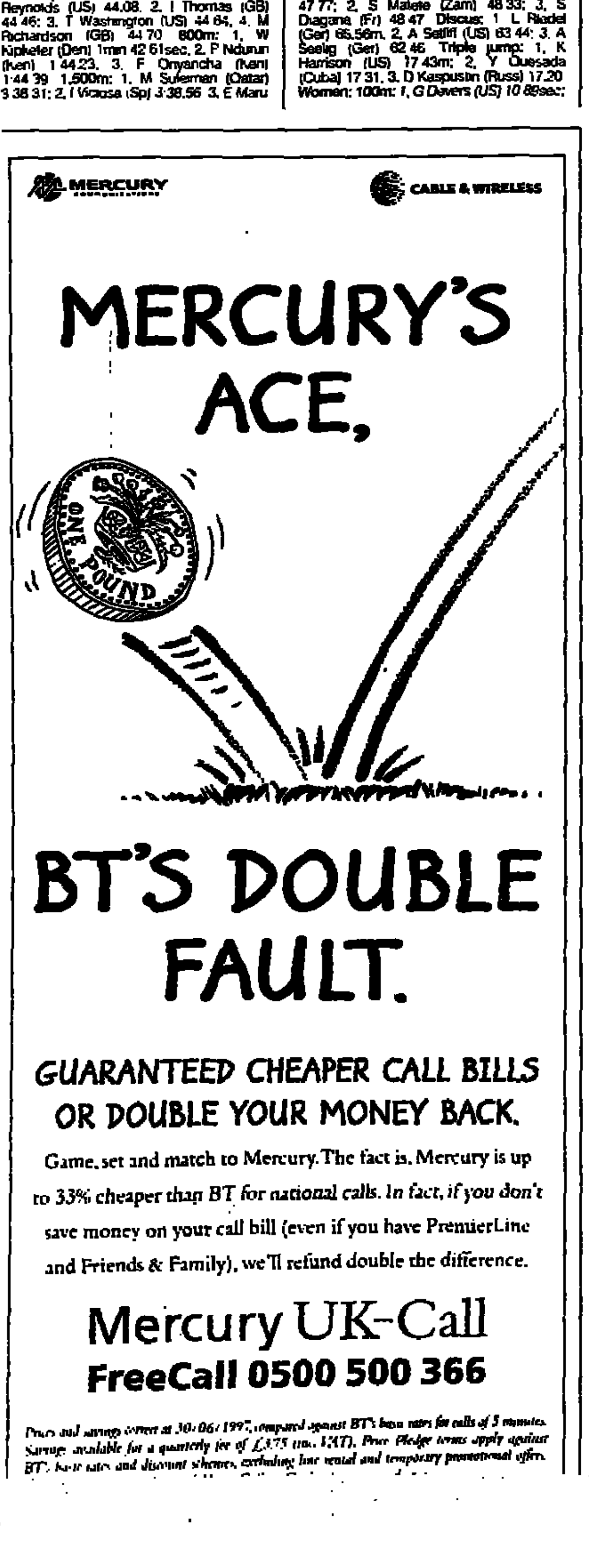
PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton 52 Glasgow 37. Four-team championship: Qualifying round, second leg. Hull 39 Stoke 25; Skegness 21 Sheffield 10

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Shuttle Cubs (Long Eaton and Wolverhampton) 38 Mildenhall 35

SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Poole 53 Coventry 37 (Poole win 95-85 on agg).

VOLLEYBALL

MOSCOW: World League: Finals: Italy 3



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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the next two Refreshers I will be dealing with the topic of how the opener describes balanced hands of 12+ points. By "balanced" I mean all hands with the shape 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2, many 5-3-3-2 hands and some 5-4-2-2 hands. (For new readers, "4-3-3-3" means four cards in one suit and three in each of the others.) Not everyone plays what I recommend here, but I think it is much the most practical structure for anyone below expert level.

First, two important principles:

I With a balanced hand of 12+ you should either open in No-Trumps, or open in a suit and rebid in No-Trumps.

II To open in a suit and rebid in another suit you should normally have at least five cards in the first suit. (I will discuss the very few exceptions at the end of this series.)

I discussed in a recent Saturday column the treatment of balanced hands in the 12-17 point range. The simplest and most widely played method for these hands is to split them into two ranges, 12-14 and 15-17. Then opening 1 NT shows one range, opening one of a suit and rebidding 1 NT the other range.

Thus if you play a weak No-Trump (12-14), this is the structure for balanced hands (where X and Y are suit bids):

	Opener's Sequence	
Point count	Opener	Responder
Less than 12	Pass	
12-14	1 NT	
15-17	1 X 1 NT	1 Y

If you play a strong No-Trump (15-17), this is modified as follows:

12-14	1 X 1 NT	1 Y
15-17	1 NT	

In both cases, this is how stronger hands are dealt with:

18-19	1 X 2 NT	1 Y
20-22	2 NT	
23-24	2 C 2 NT	2 D

This style does require you to bite one or two bullets. Playing a weak no-trump, you have to open 1 NT on this hand:

♠KJ32 ♥AKQ3 ♦32 ♣654

You can't open One Spade and rebid Two Hearts — that would show at least five spades. You also open 1 NT on this:

♠J7654 ♥32 ♦AK4 ♣KJ3

You can't open One Spade — to rebid Two Spades over a Two Heart response you need at least a good five-card suit, and preferably six.

I will continue this topic next week.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VALETUDINARIAN
a. Inclined to farewells
b. A fish vegan
c. An invalid

DIASKEUAST
a. An editor
b. A Spartan cavalryman

ADVISEDLY
a. Deliberately
b. Acting on advice
c. Allegedly

PASTIME
a. The past
b. Happy hour
c. A game

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Times schools championship

The final of the British schools chess championship, sponsored by *The Times* and endorsed by the British Chess Federation, takes place today at the Charing Cross Hotel, London. The four semi-finalists were Hampton School, Manchester Grammar, Methodist College and Oakham School. Apart from the final, there will also be a third-place play-off. Those wishing to enter the competition next year should contact the Chief Organiser, Mitchell Taylor, 4 Alders Road, Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 9QG (tel: 0181-959 6915).

Internet simultaneous

The *El Pais* newspaper in Madrid has organised a 16-game worldwide simultaneous display by Garry Kasparov on the Internet. Kasparov competed against Spanish communities from different locations around the world. Here is Kasparov's win against the former President of the Madrid Stock Exchange.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Pedro Guerrero

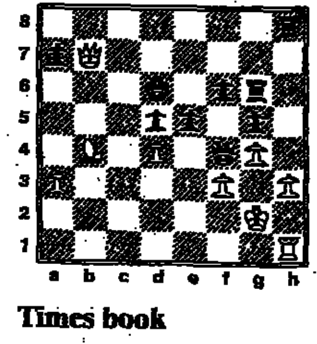
Kasparov v *El Pais*, July 1997

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	Bf5
4	Nf3	e6
5	a3	Ne7
6	Nbd2	Nd7
7	Nh4	Bg6
8	Nxg6	hxg6
9	Nf3	Nf5
10	c3	Be7
11	h3	g5
12	g4	Nh4
13	Nxh4	Rxh4
14	Bd3	Qb6
15	b4	0-0-0
16	Kf1	Rdh8
17	Kg2	f6
18	exf6	gxf6
19	Be3	Bd6
20	f3	Bb8
21	Bf2	R4h6
22	Qe2	Nf8
23	c4	Kd7
24	b5	Qc7
25	bxc6+	bxc6
26	Be1	Qf4
27	cxd5	cxd5
28	Rb1	Ng6
29	Bxg6	Rxg6
30	Rb7+	Bc7
31	Qb5+	Ke7
32	Bb4+	Kd8
33	Rxc7	Kxc7
34	Ba5+	Kd6
35	Qb7	e5
36	Bb4+	

Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Times book

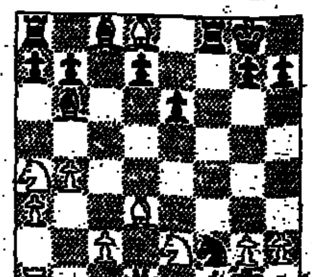
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Kennedy — Staunton, London 1845. Black has given up his queen but has the opportunity to recapture White's, giving check into the bargain. Is this the best move?



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CRICKET

Morris lays foundation for victory

By Pat Gibson

SWANSEA (second day of four); Glamorgan have scored 319 for three wickets against Gloucestershire

HUGH MORRIS could not land the county championship during his two spells as Glamorgan captain, but he will still be hugely influential if Matthew Maynard takes the title to Wales for only the third time.

Morris, 33, but playing as well as ever, yesterday scored his third century of the season — an undefeated 158 that has taken Glamorgan a long way towards a possible third successive victory.

Only seven overs were bowled on the first day and there was no play before lunch yesterday, but then the sun came out and Glamorgan sailed on serenely against some hopelessly inadequate Gloucestershire bowling.

In the 34 overs possible at Trent Bridge, Nottinghamshire reduced Pakistan A to 71 for five in reply to their own 298 for nine declared, three of the touring side falling to Chris Tolley, who claimed the prized wickets of Saleem Elahi and Hassan Raza, the youngest Test player.

The visitors were without Mike Smith, the country's leading wicket-taker, who was at Old Trafford, but that was no excuse for the way they wasted their opportunity on a pitch that seamed, turned and bounced unevenly. Waqar Younis, Steve Watkin and the rest of the Glamorgan attack are unlikely to be so wanton.

Gloucestershire began well enough, Lewis rudely interrupting James as he closed in on 1,000 runs for the season by having him caught at second slip and then putting Dale out of his misery with a superb delivery that found the edge of an indeterminate bat for Russell to take a tumbling catch.

Then the bowling went to pieces. Sheeraz, Smith's replacement, conceded wides on both sides of the wicket and although Ball was soon turning his off breaks a long way, he could not pitch them in the right place. Morris, in his present form, was just the man to take advantage and, with such a reassuring presence at the other end, Maynard was at his most uninhibited.

Together, they put on 223 in 45 overs, Morris passing his 50 with three fours in one over from Ball, and Maynard reaching his half-century with two successive on-driven fours off Alleyne.

Maynard had reached 98 off 129 balls with 17 fours when Young provided a reminder that batting was not supposed to be as easy as it looked by digging one in to induce a simple return catch.

There was no stopping the insatiable Morris, who already has one double century under his belt this year. There was a time when he hobbled around the crease on wounded knees, but there did not seem to be anything wrong with them now as he drove Davies for an all-run four and then scampered the single off Lewis which took him to his hundred in not much more than three hours.

It was his 51st century for Glamorgan, only one short of Alan Jones's record, and, in the process, he passed 18,000 runs to become their fourth-highest run-maker behind Jones, Emrys Davies and Gilbert Parkhouse.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Lynch b Lewis	8
H Morris not out	158
A Dale c Russell b Lewis	0
*M P Maynard c and b Young	98
P A Cottey not out	26
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 12, nb 10)	29
Total (3 wkts, 79 overs)	319

G P Butcher, †A D Shaw, Waqar Younis, S D Thomas, S L Watkin and D A Cosker to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-40, 3-263.

BOWLING: Lewis 17-2-52-2; Young 18-4-59-1; Sheeraz 7-0-49-0; Ball 19-1-76-0; Alleyne 5-0-31-0; Davis 13-0-54-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: N J Trainor, A J Wright, K P Sheeraz, M A Lynch, S Young, *M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, T H C Hancock, M C J Ball, J J Lewis, R P Davis.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 3, Gloucestershire 1.

Umpires: A Clarkson and A G T Whitehead.

JOHN McLELLAN

Lathwell keeps a watchful eye on the progress of one of his 15 fours, this one off the bowling of Mark Ilott

Lathwell finds form in unfamiliar guise

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Somerset, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 31 runs behind Essex

WHEN the Australians were last in England, Mark Lathwell was considered so precociously talented that a long Test career was thought to be in the offing. Alas, his game regressed. This season, his form — 241 runs in 14 innings before he went out to bat on Wednesday — has been so indifferent that he was moved down the order to protect him from the new ball.

In a stronger county side, his place would have been in jeopardy. Yesterday, having come in when Somerset had lost two wickets in the first over of their innings, he played so circumspectly that he was unrecognisable from the uninhibited strokemaker of his youth. Yet, so soundly did he bat, that he finished with 87, his highest score of the season.

On a day in which there were intermittent showers, he merited a century for sheer application. Alas, it was through reverting to his customary self that he was out, driving at a ball from Danny Law that was not quite a half-volley. He struck 15 fours, two or three of them through the covers with that sense of timing that once so enthused the England selectors.

If that was the innings of the day, it was not the highest. Piran Holloway, with whom Lathwell put on 147 after that calamitous opening over, also made his best score of the season. His 90 included nine fours and was also an innings notable for its diligence. He was out pulling Grayson to Gooch at short mid-on.

There was little in the pitch for any of the bowlers, who found Holloway's organised front-foot defence altogether too obdurate. Cowan had Parsons taken at the wicket with one that did move away before he hobbled off the field and Grayson took a further wicket with his left arm spin, that of Burns, who attempted to cut a ball that was too close to him.

Donald's frustration alleviated by Brown

By a Correspondent

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 34 runs behind Surrey

ALLAN DONALD, his patience already tested by some wretched luck this season, was driven to distraction by James Knott, of Surrey, on a rain-shortened day at Edgbaston.

Donald, who collected 99 international wickets last winter with South Africa, has endured a frustrating time in his ninth season with Warwickshire. His 11 wickets in the first three championship games did not do justice to his sustained hostility. He then missed three matches with a strained back muscle.

This slow, damp pitch offered the paceman little encouragement, but there were signs that he might yet inspire an unlikely Warwickshire challenge for a third championship title in four seasons.

His speed brought him four wickets for 64, but he could not budge the obdurate Knott. The 22-year-old son of Alan, the former England wicketkeeper, managed just 11 scoring strokes from 61 balls — 32 of them from Donald — and the regularity with which he played and missed outside off stump caused Donald to kick the ground in frustration. Knott scraped together 21 important runs before he threw himself on his sword, pushing Donald into the covers and running himself out attempting an improbable race against the arm of Trevor Penney.

Surrey's total of 193 looked inadequate, but Martin Bicknell soon had Warwickshire in trouble, trapping Knight and Moles leg-before and having Hemp taken by Knott in the space of 37 balls. When the out-of-form Ostler lashed Tudor to cover, Warwickshire were teetering on 55 for four, but an unbroken stand of 104 between Penney and Brown restored their initiative.

Only 77 balls were bowled after tea because of rain, but there was time for Brown to complete an excellent half-century as Warwickshire recovered to 159 for four.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Somerset

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Somerset, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 31 runs behind Essex

ESSEX: First Innings 280 (D D J Robinson 78, P J Prichard 51; J I D Kerr 4 for 83)

SOMERSET: First Innings

*P D Bowler lbw b Ilott	0
P C L Holloway c Gooch b Grayson	90
S C Ecclestone c Gooch b Ilott	0
M N Lathwell c Cowan b D R Law	87
K A Parsons c Rollins b Cowan	31
†R J Turner not out	21
M Burns c Rollins b Grayson	4
G D Rose not out	6
Extras (b 4, w 2, nb 4)	10
Total (6 wkts, 85 overs)	249

J I D Kerr, K J Shine and S Herzberg to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-147, 4-207, 5-219, 6-233

BOWLING: Ilott 16-5-50-2; Cowan 17-2-74-1; Such 22-9-34-0; Grayson 10-4-23-2; Irani 11-3-27-0; D R Law 9-1-37-1

Bonus points: Essex 4 Somerset 5

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen

Kent v Northamptonshire

MAIDSTONE (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 265 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings 306 (N J Llong 57, P A Strang 55, M Akram 4 for 56)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

M B Loye not out	27
R J Warren not out	10
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (no wkt, 16 overs)	41

*R J Bailey, K M Curran, T C Walton, D J G Sales, †D Ripley, J N Snape, J P Taylor, M Akram and S A J Boswell to bat

BOWLING: Igglesden 6-4-4-0, Thompson 5-1-21-0; Strang 3-1-11-0, Phillips 2-1-5-0

Bonus points: Kent 3 Northamptonshire 4

Umpires: H D Bird and V A Holder

Leicestershire v Yorkshire

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 263 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon b Mullally	21
A McGrath lbw b Ormond	28
*D Byas c Johnson b Mullally	88
D S Lehmann c Maddy b Wells	3
B Parker lbw b Wells	0
C White b Pierson	17
†R J Blakey c Nixon b Mullally	39
P J Hartley b Mullally	33
C E W Silverwood c Nixon b Mullally	0
R D Stemp c Maddy b Pierson	0
R J Sidebottom not out	2
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 6, nb 20)	37
Total (88.5 overs)	268

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-67, 3-86, 4-86, 5-146, 6-208, 7-247, 8-247, 9-250.

BOWLING: Millns 15-1-60-0; Mullally 25-5-8-103-5; Pierson 14-6-30-2; Ormond 6-2-19-1, Wells 8-0-45-2

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells b Hartley	4
D L Maddy not out	0
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 3.5 overs)	5

I J Sutcliffe, *J J Whitaker, N C Johnson, B F Smith, †P A Nixon, D J Millns, J Ormond, A R K Pierson and A D Mullally to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-5

BOWLING: Silverwood 2-1-4-0; Hartley 1.5-1-0-1

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4 Yorkshire 2

Umpires: N T Plews and P Willey

Middlesex v Lancashire

UXBRIDGE (second day of four): Lancashire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 191 runs ahead of Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 118 (P J Martin 8 for 32)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

N Wood c Gatting b Tufnell	67
S P Titchard c Pooley b Tufnell	79
*N H Fairbrother not out	82
G D Lloyd b Tufnell	8
A Flintoff lbw b Fraser	10
I D Austin not out	35
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 12, nb 10)	28
Total (4 wkts, 118 overs)	309

†W K Hegg, P J Martin, G Keedy, G Yates and D J Shadford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-126, 2-193, 3-215, 4-244

BOWLING: Hewitt 26-6-64-0; Fraser 22-5-77-1; Tufnell 32-9-58-3; Johnson 17-4-51-0; Kallis 13-4-37-0; Weekes 8-2-16-0

Bonus points: Middlesex 1 Lancashire 7

Umpires: J Holder and J C Balderstone

Sussex v Worcestershire

ARUNDEL (second day of four): Sussex, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 232 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Drakes	3
W P C Weston lbw b Drakes	8
G A Hick c Martin-Jenkins b Drakes	4
K R Spiring c Khan b Kirtley	36
*T M Moody c Moores b Kirtley	43
G R Haynes c Moores b Robinson	2
D A Leatherdale c Drakes b K Newell	34
†S J Rhodes not out	58
S R Lampitt b K Newell	5
P J Newport c Moores b Martin-Jenkins	45
A Sheriyar c M Newell b Martin-Jenkins	0
Extras (lb 11, w 4, nb 2)	17
Total (103 overs)	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-19, 3-34, 4-102, 5-105, 6-111, 7-154, 8-168, 9-255

BOWLING: Drakes 20-8-33-3, Kirtley 24-9-59-2; Robinson 22-5-48-1; Martin-Jenkins 14-3-51-2; Khan 11-2-33-0; K Newell 12-4-20-2.

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey b Newport	1
M T E Peirce not out	7
N R Taylor lbw b Sheriyar	7
A A Khan c Rhodes b Sheriyar	3
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 4)	5
Total (3 wkts, 16 overs)	23

K Newell, M Newell, R S C Martin-Jenkins, *†P Moores, V C Drakes and R J Kirtley to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-15, 3-23

BOWLING: Newport 8-5-10-1, Sheriyar 8-4-12-2

Bonus points: Sussex 4 Worcestershire 3

Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer

NO PLAY: Chester-le-Street (second day of four): Durham v Hampshire

Warwickshire v Surrey

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 34 runs behind Surrey

SURREY: First Innings

J D Ratcliffe lbw b Welch	9
G J Kennis b Welch	16
I J Ward c Frost b Donald	18
*A J Hollioake lbw b Brown	31
A D Brown c Ostler b Donald	46
C C Lewis c Hemp b Welch	9
†J A Knott run out	21
M P Bicknell b Donald	11
I D K Salisbury c Ostler b Welch	1
Saqlain Mushtaq c Moles b Donald	7
A J Tudor not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 14)	23
Total (67 overs)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-26, 3-51, 4-95, 5-144, 6-144, 7-162, 8-163, 9-192.

BOWLING: Donald 23-5-64-4; Welch 28-13-62-4; Giles 2-0-8-0; Brown 13-6-40-1; Smith 1-0-10-0

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*N V Knight lbw b Bicknell	2
A J Moles lbw b Bicknell	9
D L Hemp c Knott b Bicknell	14
D P Ostler c Ward b Tudor	10
T L Penney not out	47
D R Brown not out	57
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 2, nb 8)	20
Total (4 wkts, 44 overs)	159

N M K Smith, †T Frost, G Welch, A F Giles and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-26, 3-37, 4-55

BOWLING: Bicknell 15-0-61-3, Lewis 8-3-21-0; Tudor 6-1-20-1, Hollioake 10-1-36-0; Ratcliffe 4-1-10-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 1-0-1-0.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4 Surrey 1

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.

Tour match

Nottinghamshire v Pakistan A

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of three): Pakistan A, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 227 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 298 for 9 dec (G F Archer 81, Shoaib Akhtar 4 for 71)

PAKISTAN A: First Innings

Ali Naqvi b Dowman	29
Saleem Elahi c Afzaal b Tolley	23
*Muhammad Waseem lbw b Tolley	12
Mujahid Jamshed lbw b Bates	1
Hassan Raza b Tolley	0
Rana Qayyum not out	1
Azhar Mahmood not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 1)	3
Total (5 wkts)	71

Shoaib Malik, †Javaid Qadeer, Shoaib Akhtar and Abdul Razzak to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-59, 3-68, 4-68, 5-68.

BOWLING: Franks 8-1-19-0; Bowen 8-1-23-0; Tolley 9-5-14-3; Dowman 7-2-9-1; Bates 2-0-3-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and N G Cowley

Fairbrother firmly in control

By Richard Hobson

UXBRIDGE (second day of four): Lancashire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 191 runs ahead of Middlesex

SO MUCH has gone right for Neil Fairbrother during the past two days that he might wonder why he relinquished the Lancashire captaincy four years ago. Fortune smiled on him when he won the toss, but luck had nothing to do with an innings of commendable restraint yesterday that has, surely, put victory beyond the ambitions of the championship leaders.

Fairbrother assumed the leadership here because Mike Watkinson is still struggling to overcome a shoulder injury and Michael Atherton is otherwise engaged. Lancashire are without five of their first-choice top seven batsmen.

Fairbrother promoted himself to No 3 and batted in perfect deference to the circumstances. He resisted any temptation to show off his repertoire of dashing strokes. Indeed, when he partnered Steve Titchard during a second-wicket stand of 67 in 30 overs, it was almost like witnessing Tim Curtis at both ends.

Such an observation is intended to be complimentary to all parties because, after dismissing Middlesex for 118, there was no requirement for Lancashire to take any risks.

Play began 75 minutes late after overnight rain seeped under the roll-on covers, much to the annoyance of the visitors, and 37 overs were lost in all, but Lancashire managed to extend their first innings to 309 for four. Fairbrother has batted for 244 minutes in accumulating 82 so far.

Nathan Wood had failed to add to his overnight 67 when he pushed Phil Tufnell to short mid-wicket and, after 311 minutes, Titchard (79) looped a bat-pad chance to silly mid-on.

Graham Lloyd struck his second ball for a straight six, but allowed Tufnell the satisfaction of revenge in the spinner's next over when he misjudged a ball turning in from the rough. Powerful strokes by Ian Austin carried Lancashire to a third batting point and further rewards await.

Yorkshire fail to summon staying power

By Michael Austin

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 263 runs behind Yorkshire

POOR weather continues to tarnish performances at Grace Road, where Leicestershire bowled waywardly and Yorkshire batted as if the technique of occupying the crease was a distant memory.

Alan Mullally ended with figures of five for 103, but was nevertheless plagued by continuing problems with his run-up, bowling ten no-balls in the innings. His best ball was a slow yorker that bowled the flamboyant Peter Hartley before the Yorkshireman replied by making a ball cut back and remove Vince Wells's middle stump. No play was possible after lunch.

Yorkshire had expanded their overnight 149 for five at more than four an over, David Byas advancing to 88, with 15 fours, from 115 balls. His loose stroke to Mullally, which yielded a catch at slip, was not that of a man aspiring to a century.

No specialist batsman could attribute his dismissal to a gem of a ball and even Richard Blakey's belated defiance ended with a catch off a glove down the leg side.

Struggling Sussex in distress

By James Allen and Barney Spender

ANYONE who had taken the odds relating to the Sussex first innings at Arundel, chalked up by the local bookmaker at lunchtime yesterday, was kept waiting to see if they had made a sound investment. A combination of rain and the obduracy of Steve Rhodes and Phil Newport, the Worcestershire ninth-wicket pair, meant the home side were in the field until after 5 o'clock.

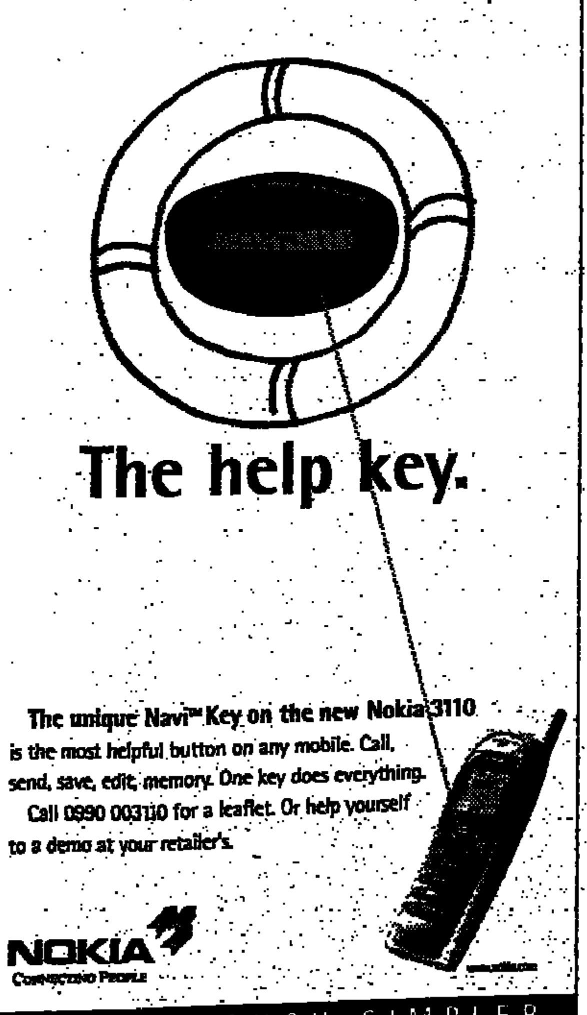
By the time Rhodes and Newport were finally separated, they had added 87 and taken Worcestershire to the respectability of 255. In the 16 overs that Sussex had to negotiate in the evening sunshine, they lost three wickets and relied on Robinson, a second nightwatchman, to see out an anxious final over. For a team dismissed for 58 and 64 in its two previous innings, this was an ominous beginning.

After Worcestershire had resumed at 185 for eight, Newport played one or two strokes beyond most No 10 batsmen and was only five short of a half-century when Martin-Jenkins found an outside edge. Sheriyar's departure first ball left Rhodes unbeaten on 58.

Sussex were handicapped by an injury to Drakes, who is not expected to bowl again in the match. Without him the attack looked pedestrian, but Martin-Jenkins will have been heartened by his second and third first-class wickets.

At Maidstone, a meagre crowd took great delight in the performances of three Kent fast bowlers yesterday. Unfortunately, they could only admire Dean Headley and Mark Ealham, on the squash club television, but once play began at 5.30pm, they turned their attention to the progress of Alan Igglesden, once of England, who missed the whole of last season with a slipped disc.

In his first championship game since September 1995, he bowled well enough to suggest that he will provide useful back-up in the weeks to come. His six-over opening spell included four maidens as Loye and Warren took Northamptonshire to 41-0 in reply to Kent's 306.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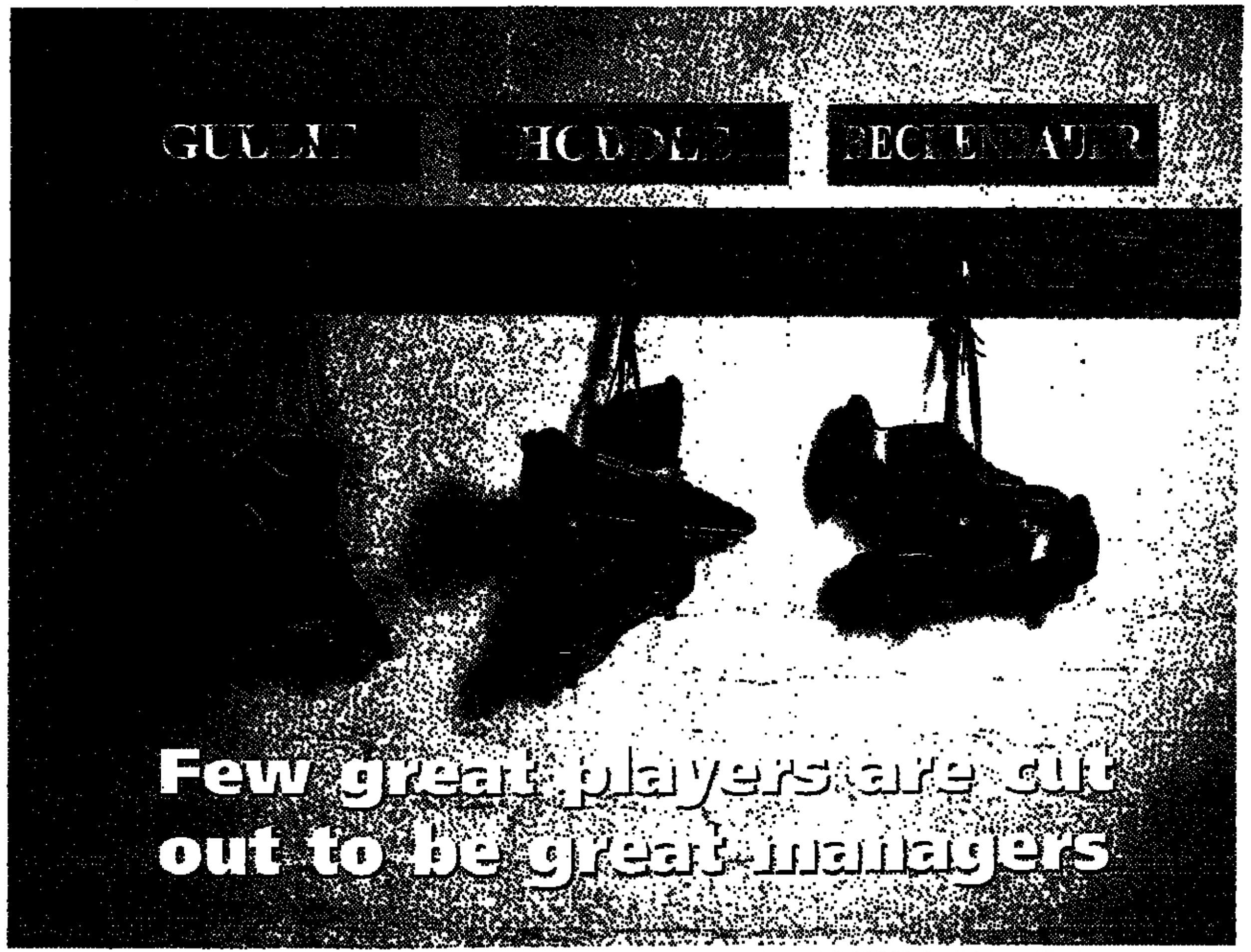

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Henman and Rusedski unable to realise hopes of home triumph

Inglorious ending as dream turns to nightmare

Michael Calvin reflects on the vacuum left by the departure of Britain's standard-bearers

Tim Henman could not bear to wait for Michael Stich to complete the formalties of victory and stalked away, alone, into the locker-room. Greg Rusedski managed a *pre-programmed* wave to the crowd, but a fixed smile betrayed his sense of shock. Once a shared dream had dissolved, sympathy had the virulence of strychnine.

*"They're desperate for a Wimble*don champion," Rusedski said, as he dwelt, with a poignant sense of responsibility that bordered on guilt, upon the unrealistic expecta*tions that they had aroused.* "Anything that could go wrong, did go wrong," Henman mourned, as he peered into an emotional void.

Wimbledon, for the British pub*lic, is now a vacuum of* lost opportunity. Everywhere Henman and Rusedski looked yesterday, they saw only the superficial symbols of patriotism. Plastic bowler hats, featuring the Union flag, had been cannibalised from Euro 96. Silk flags, portraying the red rose of England's rugby team, had evidently been rescued from *several attics.*

There was nothing to wave them for. Rusedski played tennis like the Tin *Man, who had dis*covered, far too late, that the Wicked Witch of the North had stolen his WD40. Henman, stripped of his mental strength by the occasion, was similarly distraught.

"That was probably my worst experience on a tennis court," he said. "I don't actually know the reasons why. What makes it so frustrating is that, what, 24 hours ago?, I played some of the best tennis of my career. Now I'm talking to you after playing some of the worst."

Given that he is eerily similiar, in *temperament*, image and intelligence to Sebastian Coe, the immediate inquest was suffused by a strange sense of déjà vu. The way Henman's fresh face creased with *surprise* and *self-disgust* summoned memories of Coe attempting to articulate the self-loathing that consumed him when he lost the 800 metres final to Steve Ovett at the Moscow Olympics.

He, of course, went on to redeem himself by winning the 1,500 metres within a matter of days. Henman has a little longer — 50 weeks to be precise — to search deep within himself, for an explanation as to why he was deserted by the attributes *of flair and fortitude* that a nation had come to rely upon.

"I would wish for him to go back and reflect on that, to try to figure out *what went wrong*," Stich said. "You know, I think it's very difficult for him to deal with all the pressure. Today was just too big for a guy like him. He's very young, *not very experienced, and has a lot* to learn."

Such a summary may seem harsh, in the cold light of day, but the German was only expressing *the unvarnished truth. A champi*on's nature is a fiendish jigsaw of many small parts and can take years to assemble.

Revealingly, Rusedski claimed *phsyical fatigue*, but spoke like a man who was mentally drained. "I realise I had a good opportunity," he said, in that irritating mid-Atlantic monotone, when he was reminded of the rarity of a chance to win Wimbledon. "There's nothing you can do about it but to move on to the next event."

'Rusedski spoke like a man mentally drained'

That was too simplistic an answer, *and* he *knew* it. Over the past fortnight, the tenor of his career, and that of Henman, has been *set. Having* been swathed in the union flag by strangers, they will never be allowed to free themselves from its soft yer *suffocating* embrace.

The enthusiasm that they generate is tinged by desperation. British tennis has the demeanour of an oft-rejected spinster, who, having found Mr Right, is petrified that he will stray. Rusedski and Henman will remain prisoners of their predecessors, a pair condemned, by generations of mediocrity, to arouse self-destructive emotions.

Rusedski's pretensions to world class were mocked by the athleticism and anticipation of Pioline, who, when faced with an ill-directed artillery barrage, was capable of incongruous delicacy. He *was also incapable of living up to* xenophobic predictions that he was another frail foreigner, ready to be blasted into submission.

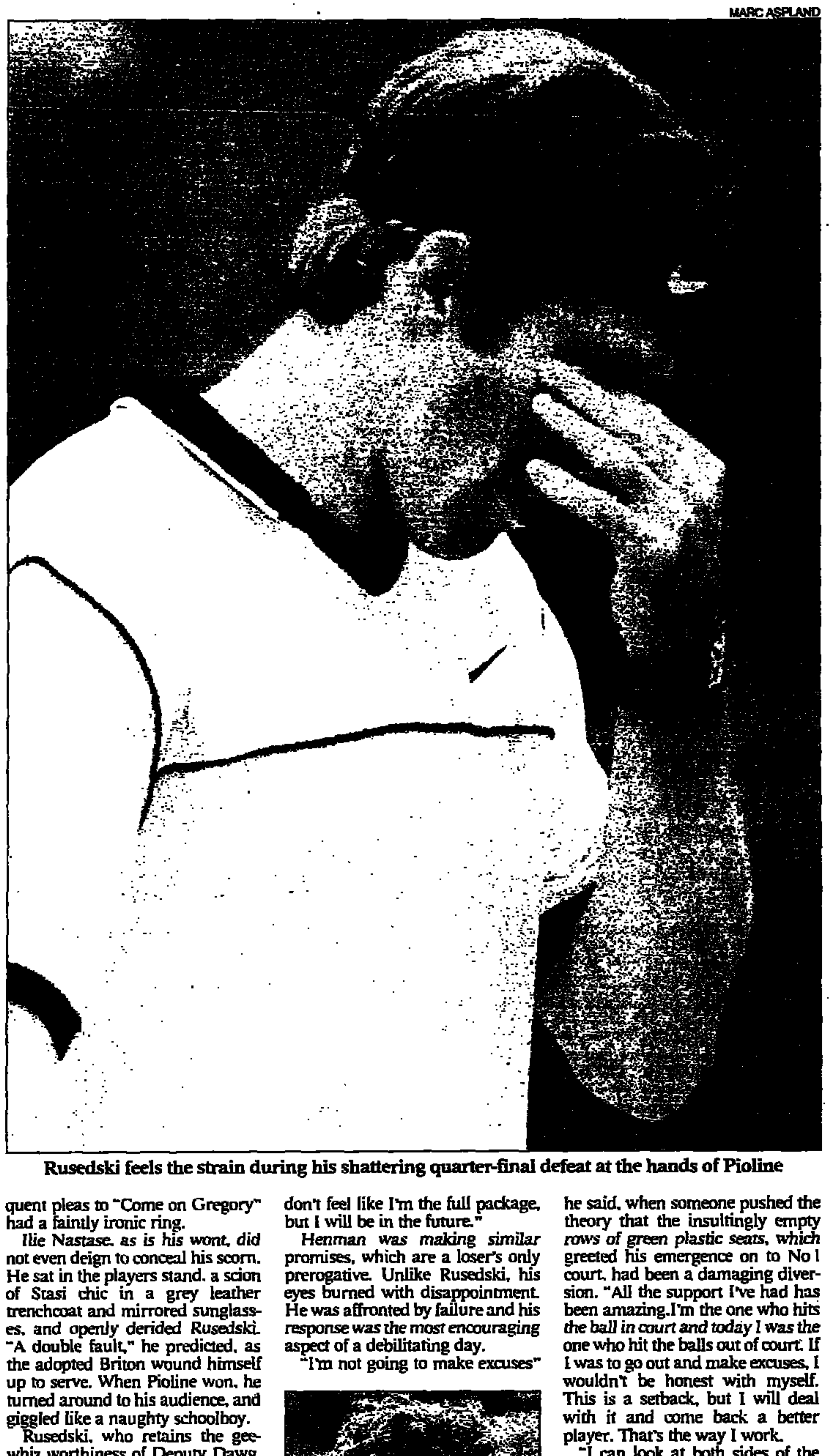
The corporate hospitality crowd delivered their equivalent of the emporer's thumbs-down when Rusedski was broken in the first game of the fourth set. To a man and overdressed woman, they rose from their barely warm seats and headed for lunch. Even the subsequent pleas to "Come on Gregory" had a faintly ironic ring.

Ilie Nastase, as is his wont, did not even deign to conceal his scorn. He sat in the players stand, a scion of Stasi chic in a grey leather trenchcoat and mirrored sunglasses, and openly derided Rusedski. "A double fault," he predicted, as the adopted Briton wound himself up to serve. When Pioline won, he turned around to his audience, and giggled like a naughty schoolboy.

Rusedski, who retains the gee-whiz worthiness of Deputy Dawg, was oblivious to the insults. He talked a far better game than he played. "It was a case of my mind saying 'I want to get out there and *do my best' and my body saying* 'no' he said. "That's tennis for you. You have to try to find a way to win in those circumstances, and unfortunately I couldn't.

"I *don't think I'm at my best* point as a tennis player yet. Sometimes you look at certain players and you say, OK, that's as high as they can get. But I don't feel *I have those limitations, because I* see so many areas I can work on. I don't feel like I'm the full package, but I will be in the future."

Henman was making similar promises, which are a loser's only prerogative. Unlike Rusedski, his eyes burned with disappointment. He was affronted by failure and his *response was the most encouraging* aspect of a debilitating day.



MARC ASPLAND

Rusedski feels the strain during his shattering quarter-final defeat at the hands of Pioline

"I'm not going to make excuses" he said, when someone pushed the theory that the insultingly empty *rows of green plastic seats, which* greeted his emergence on to No 1 court, had been a damaging diversion. "All the support I've had has been amazing.I'm the one who hits *the ball in court and today I was the* one who hit the balls out of court. If I was to go out and make excuses, I wouldn't be honest with myself. This is a setback, but I will deal with it and come back a better player. That's the way I work.

"I can look at both sides of the coin. I haven't changed physically as a person in the last 24 hours, and so I will have to analyse different areas. I know this will happen again *in* the future. Hopefully I'll play great tennis for the vast majority of the time, but there will be occasions when I'll not play well."

The final question was cruel, but predictable. "Will you come back and win Wimbledon?" asked one of those disembodied voices that tend to shape a sportsman's life. "I hope so, yes" said Henman. Only time will tell..."

Pioline is exultant in victory

Rough diamonds sparkle in the heat of epic battle

SIMON BARNES

At Wimbledon

The day on Centre Court *opened up* with a kind of ladies excuse-me: two 16-year-old girls seeking to find out whose will was the less weak. In the first set, it was one of those matches *in which, like you and me* playing in the park, the first dramatic achievement of actually holding your own service would surely be decisive.

We then *passed on to different* matters. I make no value judgments here, still less a genderist generalisation, but things were different when Boris Becker and *Pete Sampras met.* In sport, there are champions and, then again, there are Champions. These two men, triple Wimbledon winners both, are in the latter category. In the end, *Sampras* won 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Afterwards, Becker announced that this would be his last Wimbledon as he would not be playing any grand-slam tournaments *next* year. "I have come to the end of the road with my head up high," he said. He cannot, he said, cope with the physical stresses of a two-week tournament any longer.

When these two men match their wills, it is as if two boys were playing conkers — using diamonds instead of horse-chestnuts. Grass-court tennis is, second, *about* serve, and, third, return of serve. It is first about will. The trouble is that with this pairing, in the will department, it is always going to be equal first. They were just going to have to decide this thing by tennis.

Service against service. Becker has his rather involved quadruple crank-up. It seems to have got more complicated over the years. The Sampras delivery is bare-*bones simple. He just ever so* slightly ***brandishes*** his racket, as if it were a tomahawk. And lets rip.

Grass-court tennis is a minimalist sort of game. I hear that *Richard Krajicek,* the champion last year, is enthralled by Zen, the minimalist's religion of choice. The Zen method is based on the unanswerable question, the ***koan***. The Sampras service is a Zen ***koan***. Whack. Does a dog have *Buddha-nature? No answer.* Whack. What *is* the sound of one hand clapping? No answer again, but many hands clap.

Sampras has risen, in his usual *fashion at a grand-slam tourna*ment, without trace. His lack of theatricality, his air of mystery, make him an unwatched player in early rounds. In a sense, he is not worth watching. You simply can't tell how good he is: not until he plays someone of genuine quality. Bring on Boris.

Sampras came out of the traps at the speed of light and after seven minutes had reeled off the first three games, *serving as powerfully* as we expect, returning serve with a certainty that is beyond comprehension. The backhand return, in particular, is nonchalant, unhur*ried, almost a practice stroke.*

There was a moment at 5-1 in the first set when Sampras seemed to have a crisis of doubt. It was as if he couldn't for a second believe how ridiculously well he was playing. A tiny thing, but in grass-court tennis, which is like knife-fighting, a small lapse tends to become a deep wound.

And Becker was stabbing back *like anything, inevitably* losing the first but clambering back in the second. I have seen champions give up, sometimes in the face of extraordinary pressure, sometimes because *they simply cannot bear* the champion's load. This is not the case with Champions. Imagine getting into a fight with Sampras, or with Becker. You'd have to kill them, wouldn't *you? There is no* other option. And so Becker, not being completely dead, took the second set. Diamond cracked against diamond and it seemed that neither could break.

Becker has always been loved: a *wonderful* player *who* wears his heart on his sleeve. Sampras wears his heart inside his chest and keeps the shirt well-buttoned on top. There is a feeling among some *people that such people* as Sampras are bad for sport. Avoid such people. If brilliance in sport is a bad thing, it is time for us all to go home. For Sampras's response *to Becker's fightback was to lift his* game still further. Out of the stratosphere: to Jupiter and beyond the infinite.

I have recently returned from Africa, from, I think, my *fourteenth* trip to *the* deep bush. Yet my first sight of the great wildebeest migration of the Serengeti reduced me to head-shaking disbelief and the muttering of awed *vulgarities that* were *more* prayers than blasphemies. The Sampras response to the Becker fightback produced the same effect. It was beautiful, if brutality can ever be beautiful. The third set was more devastating even than the first. As it progressed, so the news from No I Court was flashed onto the screen.

Rusedski had gone, Henman was going and Britain's fantasy *life in tennis was over for another* year. It was time to adjust ourselves to the real thing. That means Sampras.

Becker did not lie down in the *fourth set, quite the reverse. He* troubled Sampras on many occasions. Troubled, but never worried. Sampras faces Todd Woodbridge in the next round. Poor old Woodbridge. Poor old anybody. Did I say diamond? Koh-i-noor.

Kournikova stays true to her origins

By Our Sports Staff

DOWN by the rubbish dump and old storehouses behind Sokolniki Park, Moscow, lies the Spartak Olympic Sports School. Nestled in an affluent corner of Florida stands the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy. Both claim to be behind the success of Anna Kournikova, the latest prodigy to challenge for the big prizes in the women's game.

Kournikova may have been training at the Bollettieri school for the past five years and Bollettieri himself may be casting a close eye over her progress throughout the fortnight from the sidelines in SW19, but staff at the Moscow school insist that the hard-hitting, unseeded 16-year-old *is their discovery alone. Fur*thermore, they say, there are dozens more where she came from.

Kournikova has attended *the Spartak school since she* was six and although only one of its 18 mostly clay courts is indoors — no mean handicap in a city where day-time temperatures are below freezing for four months of the year — Kournikova still trains there regularly and her family lives nearby. "All the credit's going to that Bollettieri," the school's director, Natalya Kochetkova, *said yesterday,* "but she spends most of her time here."

Kournikova's coach, Larisa Preobrazhenskaya, of Spartak, travels with her to tournaments. "We'll produce a lot *more Kournikovas in future.*" Rosa Mukhamedzhanova, another Spartak coach, said. "We've dozens of very strong under-12s and under-14s. *You're going to* see a lot more Russians in international tournaments."

Staff at the school know Kournikova well. "The kid burned with a huge desire to play. You just couldn't get her off the court," Marina Tyuryakova, yet another coach, who worked with Kournikova for two years, said.

With wear and tear all too evident in its shabby buildings and old clay courts, the school is struggling to recover from a cut in funding caused by the collapse of the Soviet Union. True, tennis, with its *bourgeois overtones,* was never a favourite of the Soviet sporting authorities, who preferred team games and traditional disciplines such as athletics and gymnastics, but the thaw of glasnost that set *in a decade ago, allowing* young players to travel and hone their skills in international competition, spawned a new generation, led by Yevgeni Kafelnikov, who won the French Open last year, and Kournikova.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WIMBLEDON

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RESULTS FROM THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles
Winner: £415,000
Runner-up: £207,500
Holder: R Krajicek (Holl)
Quarter-finals
P SAMPRAS (US) bt B BECKER (Ger) 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4
T A Woodbridge (Aus) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 7-6, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4
M Stich (Ger) bt T HENMAN (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4
C Pioline (Fr) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3

Men's doubles
Winners: £170,030
Runners-up: £85,010
Holders: T A Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus)
Quarter-finals
W Black (Zim) and J Grabb (US) bt D *JOHNSON* and F *MONTANA* (US) 6-4, 6-1, 6-2
M DAMM and P VIZNER (Cz) bt N BROAD (GB) and P NORVAL (SA) 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4

Women's singles
Winner: £373,500
Runner-up: £186,750
Holder: S Graf (Ger)
Semi-finals
M HINGIS (Switz) bt A Kournikova (Russ) 6-3 6-2
J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) 6-4, 6-2

Women's doubles
Winners: £147,010
Runners-up £73,270
Holders: M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz)
Third round
N J ARENDT (US) and M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) bt N Kijimuta *and N Miyagi (Japan)* 6-2, 3-6, 6-1
Wednesday's late result
L NEILAND (Lat) and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt N TAUZIAT (Fr) and L M WILD (US) 6-4, 6-4

Mixed doubles
Winners £72,200
Runners-up. £36,100
Holders: C Suk (Cz) and H Sukova (Cz)
Third round
A OLHOVSKIY (Russ) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt W Arthurs (Aus) and T Krizan (Slovenia) 6-2, 7-6
T Nijssen (Holl) and Y Bazuki (Indo) bt D ADAMS (SA) and A FUSAI (Fr) 6-4, 7-5
Second round
Nijssen and Bazuki bt M Kell and G Helgeson Nielsen (US) 6-3, 6-4
OLHOVSKIY and NEILAND bt P Nyborg and A Carlsson (Swe) 7-5, 6-3
First round
J Gimelstob and C Rubin (US) bt M Jensen (US) and B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) 7-5 6-7, 6-1
D JOHNSON and L M Wild (US) bt H J Davids and M Oremans (Holl) 6-3, 6-4
Wednesday's late result
Second round
N Broad (GB) and M de Swardt (SA) bt S STOLLE (Aus) and M J FERNANDEZ (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
First round
J L de Jager (SA) *and M Hingis (Switz) bt* P T Hand (GB) and V Lake (GB) 6-1, 6-3
M R J Petchey (GB) and C J Wood (GB) bt E Sánchez (Sp) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 4-6 ret

Men's over-35 doubles
Winners: £14,000
Runners-up: £11,000
Holders: W J Fibak (Pol) and T Wilkinson (US)
First round (round robin)
M J Bates (GB) and R Krishnan (India) bt A A Mayer and G Mayer (US) 7-6, 6-2
J B Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt H Guenthardt (Switz) and B Taroczy (Hun) 6-3, 7-6
A Amritraj and V Amritraj (India) bt M R Edmondson and R J Frawley (Aus) 7-5, 7-6
W J Fibak (Pol) and T Wilkison (US) bt B Gilbert and T Mayotte (US) 6-3, 6-4

Men's over-45 doubles
Winners: £11,000
Runners-up: 8,750
Holders: J *Alexander (Aus)* and P Dent *(Aus)*
Quarter-finals
J Fillol (Chile) and R L Stockton (US) bt N A Fraser and A J Stone (Aus) 6-1, 6-3
O K Davidson (Aus) and E C Drysdale (SA) bt R C Lutz and R Tanner (US) 6-3, 6-4
J G Alexander and P C Dent (Aus) bt J D Newcombe and A D Roche (Aus) 6-4 6-4

TELEVISION COVERAGE: BBC1: Live 1 40-4 10pm, highlights 10 05-11 10pm BBC2: Live 12.30-8 30pm.

First round
Wednesday's late result
Newcombe and Roche bt J W Feaver (GB) and R Taylor (GB) 7-6, 7-8

Women's over-35 doubles
Winners: £10,000
Runners-up £7,500
Holders: J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US)
First round (round robin)
H Mandlikova (Aus) and J C Russell *(US)* bt R Casals and B F Stove (Holl) 7-6, 6-2
J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt R Nideffer (SA) and S Walsh (US) 6-1, 6-3
L Charles and A Hobbs (GB) bt M Jausovec (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) 7-5, 6-3

Boys' singles
Holder: V Voltchkov (Bela)
Second round
F Gonzalez (Chile) bt D Belcher (GB) 6-3, 6-2; D Elsner (Ger) bt K Ivanov-Smolenski (Russ) 6-3, 6-1; L Hewitt (Aus) bt W Cheng (Taiwan) 6-1, 6-2; M Gregorc (Slovenia) bt M Zewar (Egypt) 7-5, 6-0; K Ziv (Isr) bt M Grolmus (Slovakia) 7-5, 7-6; X Malisse (Bel) bt T Messmer (Ger) 6-2, 6-2, W Whitehouse (SA) bt F Luzzi (It) 6-2, 2-6, 6-0; A Simoni (Br) bt D Sherwood (GB) 6-1, 7-6, A Barnes (GB) bt R Vik (Cz) 6-1, 6-3; O Rochus (Bel) bt T Terachi (Japan) 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; L Horna (Peru) bt S Dickson (GB) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; B Vahaly (US) *bt I A* Bates (GB) 6-3, 6-2; J Lisnard (Fr) *bt* J Christensen (Swe) 6-1, 6-2; F Cardinali (Arg) bt N Massu (Chile) 1-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Girls' singles
Holder: A Mauresmo (Fr)
Second round
J Henin (Bel) bt R Sandu (Rom) 7-5, 6-4; B Stewart *(Aus)* bt *P Palencia* (Mex) 6-0, 3-6, 6-4, A Grahame (Aus) bt A Sebova (Slovakia) 6-0, 7-6; R Fujiwara (Japan) bt N Grandin (SA) 7-6, 6-2; *I Selyutina (Kaz)* bt I Visic (Cro) 6-2, 6-2; S Rizzi (Fr) bt M Matevzic (Slovenia) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Black (Zim) bt E Dyrberg (Den) 6-3, 6-4; A Tordoff (GB) bt T Poutchek 2-6, 6-4, 9-7; A Rippner (US) bt K Elliot (GB) 6-4, 6-4; H Farr (GB) bt B Colosio (Br) 4-6, 6-3, 8-6; J Woehr (Ger) *bt* L van Rooyen (SA) 7-5, 6-1; M Iversen (Den) bt E Dominikovic (Aus) 7-5, 6-4; M Irvin (US) bt Y J Cho (S Kor) 6-4, 6-2; A Morigami *(Japan) bt M Sequera* (Ven) 6-4, 6-3; Z Gubacsi (Hun) bt C Popescu (Can) 2-6, 7-6, 6-1.

☐ Pete Sampras is 5-2 on favourite with William Hill to win the men's singles title after beating Boris Becker in the quarter-finals. Michael Stich is quoted at 4-1, with Cedric Pioline at 11-2 and Todd Woodbridge at 16-1.

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TENNIS

Australian doubles specialist flies solo

By Nick Szczepanik

THERE was Henman's quarter-final, there was Rusedski's, there was Becker versus Sampras — and then there was the other one, in which Todd Woodbridge defeated Nicolas Kiefer to reach his first grand slam singles semi-final. It was a match of wild fluctuations and occasional bad temper, Woodbridge winning it 7-6, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

If the seeding committee had had anything to do with it, this would have been a stellar confrontation between the No 3 and No 5 seeds, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Michael Chang, but what do they know? Instead, we had Woodbridge, the Australian conqueror of Chang, winner of innumerable doubles titles but in unfamiliar territory as a singles player, and Nicolas Kiefer, a German, 20 tomorrow, who had put out Medvedev as well as Kafelnikov.

Kiefer, who was hoping to reach a semi-final against Boris Becker, his coach, got an early break, to the dismay of the large Australian contingent in the seats out in the wilds of No 2 Court, but they soon found their voices as Woodbridge broke back to level the set at 3-3. It went to a tie-break, taken by Woodbridge, during which Kiefer incurred a code violation for racket abuse.

Kiefer, feeling hard done-by because Woodbridge had escaped a warning for an earlier spot of racket-flinging, had words with the umpire. "Yours was worse," he was told. Kiefer shouted "You are a liar," before asking for a toilet break, not waiting for a reply before taking one anyhow.

The backchat continued after the first game of the second set, but this time the talking was done by Woodbridge, who cut an increasingly disconsolate figure as the second set passed him by, 6-2. All the more surprising, then, that the Australian took the third 6-0. Was the fact that Kiefer needed treatment on his right shoulder, injured in a fall during the first-set tie-break, a possible explanation?

"I had some pain when I served, but I want to say it's not the reason why I lost," Kiefer said. "He served well, he had good volleys, good serves, good returns. I tried to do my best, but no success."

Perhaps because it is Ashes year, locals were supporting the German, but one protracted rally in the third set drew universal applause as Woodbridge reminded everyone of the qualities that have made him a doubles champion, looking supremely comfortable at the net. Then, for no obvious reason, the game settled back into the pattern of the first set.

The players traded breaks at the opening of the fourth set, but thereafter games went with service until a rain delay at deuce on the Woodbridge service.

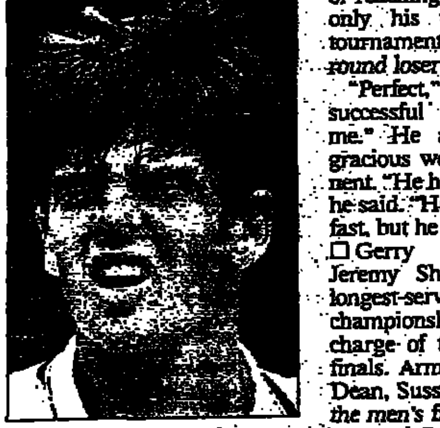
On the restart, Woodbridge held service and broke in the next, crucial, game. Kiefer, 30-15 up, netted a gift smash; then, at deuce, a Woodbridge forehand right on the line gave the Australian a break point and the German another reason to query a decision.

The break was gained when Kiefer lost his footing, not for the first time, and slid into the net. The Australian served out to win, staying behind to take the acclaim of his supporters; Kiefer disappeared quickly, failing to shake hands with the umpire.

The loser may have had his disagreements with officialdom, but on reflection, he was satisfied with the achievement of reaching a quarter-final in only his third grand-slam tournament after being a first-round loser in the other two.

"Perfect," he agreed, "a very successful tournament for me." He also found some gracious words for his opponent. "He has a good chance," he said. "He doesn't play very fast, but he is very clever."

☐ Gerry Armstrong and Jeremy Shales, two of the longest-serving umpires at the championships, will take charge of this year's singles finals. Armstrong, from East Dean, Sussex, has been given the men's final for the second time, the first being in 1988.



Woodbridge: lone danger

GILL ALLEN

Hingis celebrates victory and a place in the women's final yesterday in her usual manner — with a smile

Kournikova's girlish charms cut no ice with the smiling assassin

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking & Screaming

The game of swapsies made a surprise appearance during the women's singles semi-final between Anna Kournikova and Martina Hingis yesterday. It was quite bizarre and not what one really expects at this stage in a tournament.

"So, I'll have one of yours and you have one of mine," seemed to be the deal unofficially struck between the two celebrated 16-year-olds as each obligingly dropped their service game for the other. Down went a broken Hingis, down went a broken Kournikova and so on and so on. "OK, so you've got mine and now I get yours, right? Where are we now? 3-3? Well, that's all right then."

Well, we have all made bargains like that in our lives and lived to rue them afterwards, as little Kournikova surely did yesterday. Many a suicide pact has an unexpectedly bleak result for just one of the participants, when they end up the only one dead. Now, suddenly, with the match standing at a nicely fair 3-3 in the first set, Hingis welched on the deal and started to win on her own service. Puzzled, Kournikova continued to lose her own service games ("We agreed, remember?"), but Hingis has forgotten the rules of swapsies and got carried away.

In 1hr 2min, and with a big Colgate smile, the No 1 seed disposed of Kournikova. Hingis smiles when she is angry, you know, and it's spooky. You should always steer clear of people who do that.

After the match, Hingis dismissed the idea of a rivalry between herself and the Russian girl. "How is it a rivalry?" she shrugged, smiling. "I beat her." Which you have to admit has a certain clinical logic. Kournikova played well yesterday, though: her drop shots were more cunning and lethal than Hingis's (which are as weak as water) and she came up with vastly more original ideas. In the end, I found myself backing Kournikova, partly because she didn't look as bored as Hingis and partly because she doesn't have her first name embroidered in curly script on her jacket — an off-putting adjunct to the young Martina that does not accord with the oh-so-mature headband at all.

To be honest, I don't warm to either of them, though for different reasons. As far as Kournikova is concerned, one assumes that female teenage tennis stars — with their long legs and youthful bosoms — have always been assessed as jail bait, but at least the Russian doesn't make grunting and squeaking noises, which would be too much.

Yeteven if other people's perceptions are mainly beyond her control, girliness can be handled in different ways and the Lolita-ish Kournikova has the very real option of not wearing the sort of dinky hair slides usually favoured by primary-school children. People talk about the clothes (especially the knickers), but it's the pretty Boots hair-slide that really worries me. Facially, she could be eight-years-old and it's a struggle to remind oneself that, at 16, she is old enough to be married.

With Hingis, on the other hand, it is a struggle to remember that, at 16, she is too young to drive, since she would look perfectly at home at the wheel of a Centurion tank with a cigarillo between her teeth. Perhaps it's the bandana that confuses things. Every so often, a flash of puppy fat sets me right about her true age, but then I forget again, being so caught up in her adamantine ring of confidence. What misleads is the wide, sophisticated un-teeny smile, suggestive of a woman who has seen enough of life to be entertained by setbacks, even when they are her own.

You should watch that grown-up smile, though, because it is often belied by the body language — as petulant as any other teenager's. Hingis hurls her racket and smiles; she contests a line call and smiles; she refuses to tidy her acne creams into her Smurfs travelling cosmetics-case and smiles. She was just born with a mouth that doesn't look quite right doing anything else. It's an affliction, in a way.

Considering the match was a semi-final, both young women played with a puzzling lack of zing, as if merely rehearsing for a grander occasion. Which was odd. Kournikova seemed marginally more intent on displaying her abilities, but both were giving nothing away. Teenagers can be very mean sometimes and these two evidently both considered squandering sixpence and then primly decided the pony fund should come first.

Perhaps they were fed up about the meagre crowd, too. Centre Court ticket-holders were miffed about missing the Rusedski and Henman matches, both scheduled for No 1 Court, and instead of turning up for Hingis and Kournikova, they sulked in tents outside.

After the match, Kournikova redeemed herself by giving some rather smart answers at the press conference. Did she think she could beat Hingis one day at a grand-slam tournament? "Well, anybody can, you know," she said. Did it help to have her mother watching her, knowing she was on her side? "Well," Kournikova said, "it would be funny if she wouldn't be on my side."

What a brilliant answer that was. I have to say I like a girl who can picture her own mother rooting for the opposition. Like her inventive tennis, it belies her baby face and shows she has a rare and precious capacity for lateral thinking.

Numbers game conspires to spoil the Broad picture

By Nick Szczepanik

ONE of the side-effects of the downpours of last week that may have escaped the attention of the wider world was the reduction of the Wimbledon men's doubles competition from the usual best-of-five sets to a best-of-three in an effort to fit in the record number of delayed matches from the first week. Only as far as the quarter-finals, mind you — there are standards to be upheld, after all.

However, Neil Broad, Tim Henman's partner and fellow silver medal-winner at the Atlanta Olympic Games, may be wishing that the competition had remained at three sets for the duration. With two sets played against Martin Damm and Pavel Vizner, of the Czech Republic, Broad and Piet Norval, of South Africa, his regular partner, were leading 6-4, 6-4. That was as good as it got, Broad and Norval going out in five sets, the remaining scores being 6-7, 4-6, 4-6.

For other competitors, the doubles competitions represent a second opportunity to make progress after inevitable, or, in some cases, unexpected early exits from singles competitions. One such is Chanda Rubin, ranked No 31 in the world and a player of whom much was expected after a return from a long period of injury.

Short of match practice, she arrived at Wimbledon to find herself up against the other teenage focus of media attention, Anna Kournikova. As everyone knows, she made a similarly premature exit, taking just two games in the course of two sets. The doubles have been her salvation. If she felt she had not played enough games or won enough points to make her visit to these shores worthwhile, the third-round defeat suffered by Rubin and her partner, Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, at the hands of Hingis and Sánchez Vicario, would have changed her mind. She lost 7-6, 6-7, 13-11. In the mixed event, Rubin and Justin Gimelstob, also from the United States, reached the second round with a victory against — small world — Murphy Jensen and none other than Schultz-McCarthy.

Rubin is not an isolated case, of course. Linda Wild, the world No 44, was a first-round loser on an outside court, with all the attention being garnered by her opponent, Karen Cross, the British qualifier. However, with Donald Johnson, she advanced to the second round of the mixed and, seeded No 10 with Nathalie Tauziat, reached round three before suffering a respectable defeat at the hands of Larisa Nieland and Helena Sukova, the No 4 seeds.

Some players seem just plain greedy, still in three competitions. Until a shoulder injury to her brother and mixed doubles partner, Emilio Sánchez, led to the defaulting of the pair on Wednesday evening, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario was on course for a triple of ladies' singles, mixed doubles and ladies' doubles. Her ladies' doubles partner, Martina Hingis, however, had no such misfortune and continued to advance on all fronts.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Barrichello blames new tyres for crash

RUBENS BARRICHELLO escaped unhurt from a 175mph crash during testing at Silverstone yesterday and then blamed the incident on new tyre rules in Formula One motor racing. Barrichello, who was trying out a set of the new grooved tyres that will be introduced next year, suffered a rear suspension failure on the entry to Stowe corner in his Stewart-Ford. The 24-year-old Brazilian was pitched into a spin before skipping across a gravel trap and hitting a tyre wall backwards.

"I don't like the new tyres, especially after the experience I have had," Barrichello said afterwards. "Something broke on the rear suspension, which put me into a spin, but if I had been on this year's tyres, I would have just spun into the gravel. Silverstone is a safe track, but what if my accident had happened at places where there is not this much safety."

Milton returns

EQUESTRIANISM: Two of Britain's leading show-jumpers, John Whitaker and Geoff Billington, will fulfil dual roles at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley in September when, in addition to taking part in the competitive classes, they will star in a display, entitled *Simply The Best*, that charts the making of an international rider. *Simply The Best* will include a guest appearance by Whitaker's former partner, Milton.

Rose blossoms in defeat

HOCKEY: A brilliant goalkeeping display by Hilary Rose was not enough to prevent England from losing 2-1 to South Korea in the six nations' tournament in Seoul yesterday. An unstoppable shot by Lee Eun Young two minutes from time helped the Olympic silver medal-winners to their second victory of the tournament. England had taken the lead in the seventeenth minute through Jane Sixsmith, but Lee Ji Young equalised for the hosts after 44 minutes.

Scotland in command

BOWLS: Scotland are in a strong position to win the home international series at Worthing after a thumping 158-85 win over the Channel Islands yesterday saw them record the first 22-0 whitewash using the competition's new points-scoring system. Wales, who defeated Ireland, 129-999 and by 17-5, will need to beat England today if they are to deny Scotland and win the title for the second time in three years.

Silver shoots clear

RIFLE SHOOTING: Three senior NCOs of the RAF Regiment, all former rifle champions, will be in close combat at Bisley today in the fourth round of the RAF service rifle championship. Flt-Sgt Mick Silver will start 12 points ahead of Flt-Sgt Dave Vick, with Sgt John Prictor one point further adrift. In the naval Queen's Medal, WO Tom Sands holds a 33-point lead.

Hodge takes the lead

RUGBY UNION: Scotland go into the final match of their tour of southern Africa today without Andy Nicol, their inspirational captain. Duncan Hodge, the Watsonians stand-off half, takes over the role for the game against Eastern Province in Port Elizabeth. Craig Joiner, the Leicester wing, is also out with a viral infection, but Scotland will be strengthened by the return of Cameron Murray at centre.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Defeat adds extra spur for Edwards

By a Correspondent

SHAUN EDWARDS will need no motivation when he runs out for London Broncos at the Stoop Memorial Ground tonight to take on Wigan Warriors. The scrum half, who won more honours than anyone in the game during his 13 years at Wigan, is still smarting from the 39-10 defeat that the Broncos suffered at Central Park in May.

"We were embarrassed by the way we performed there," Edwards said. "I think we went into the game a little overconfident because we had been playing well and Wigan hadn't."

That is not the case now and Edwards believes that Wigan are, at present, the best team in the Stones Super League. "If we give them 60 per cent of possession, we're going to get flogged because they have so many matchwinners that they are going to score a lot of tries."

Edwards paid tribute to Tony Smith, the man signed to replace him. "He's playing some outstanding football at the moment, but I want to show him that there's life in the old dog yet," he said.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test match
11 0, second day of five, 90 overs minimum
OLD TRAFFORD: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship
11 0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Hampshire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Somerset
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Lancashire
ARUNDEL: Sussex v Worcestershire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Surrey

Tour match
11.0, final day of three
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Pakistan A

University match
11 0, final day of three
LORD'S: Oxford v Cambridge

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of four): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leicestershire; (final day of three): Bristol: Gloucestershire v Surrey. Uxbridge, RAF Vine Lane: Middlesex v Sussex. Wardown Park: Northamptonshire v Kent. Worksop CC: Nottinghamshire v Essex. Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan. Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire. Todmorden: Yorkshire v Durham

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Eastern Province v Scotland XV
(at Telcom Park, Port Elizabeth, 6 0)

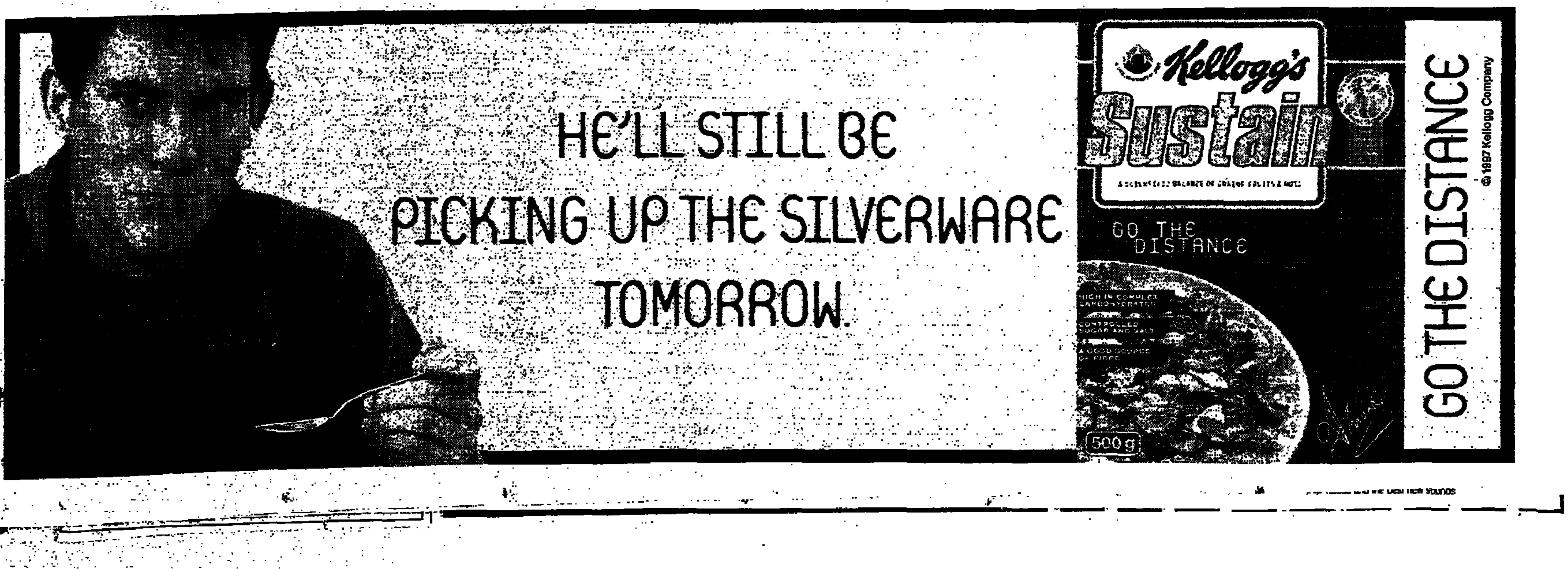
RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
London v Wigan (7 30)

First division
Dewsbury v Keighley (7.45)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Men's home international and British championships (at Worthing). Scottish women's national championships (at Ayr)
GOLF: Murphy's Irish Open (at Druids Glen, County Wicklow). Lawrence Batley Seniors (at Huddersfield)
ROWING: Henley royal regatta.
TENNIS: All England Championships (at Wimbledon)



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RUGBY UNION: BATH STAND-OFF CALLED INTO ACTION AS INJURIES TAKE HEAVY TOLL

Catt ready to grab Lions' share

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN VANDERBIJLPARK

MIKE CATT will wear the No 10 jersey for the British Isles in the final match of their tour, against South Africa in Johannesburg tomorrow. For the boy from Port Elizabeth, it will be the crowning moment in his playing career.

Catt, the Bath stand-off half, is one of four changes to the XV that clinched the international series in Durban last weekend. Though most of them stem from the injuries that have crowded in on the Lions in the past few days, it is no bad thing for the management to inject new blood in the form of players desperately seeking their hour in the sun.

Catt, 25, replaces Gregor Townsend, who broke down during training on Wednesday with a recurring thigh injury. He will be joined by three other Englishmen — though these Lions disdain national groupings — among them Tony Underwood, who has had to wait until the final match of his second Lions tour before appearing in an international.

Underwood will play instead of Alan Tait on the left wing, the position occupied with distinction by his older brother, Rory, in six successive Lions internationals during 1989 and 1993. It is a position he has earned by applying himself to his defensive duties while losing none of his zest in attack and he will provide the Lions with more pace on the flanks than they enjoyed either in Cape Town or Durban.

In the pack, Mark Regan has recovered his best form to replace Keith Wood at hooker and Neil Back comes in for Richard Hill at open-side flanker. Hill, whose calf was heavily stamped on during the international last Saturday, retreats to the bench in the knowledge that he has already made an immense contribution to the success of this tour, but Back has warranted a place at Ellis Park after a series of riveting displays.

DAVID ROGERS / ALLSPORT

Regan, whose throwing at the lineout has been crucial to his call-up, practises his technique yesterday

It is no coincidence that some of the best rugby played by the Lions has been when Catt has been at stand-off and Back on the flank. Catt's self-confidence, his speed off the mark and the width of his passing have been distinctive features here and, coincidentally, he will oppose the new South Africa pivot, Jannie de Beer, against whom he played when De Beer was a student at Grey's, Bloemfontein, and Catt a pupil at Grey's, Port Elizabeth.

Indeed, when the Lions played the third international of 1980 at the Boet Erasmus stadium in Port Elizabeth, Catt, whose family lived two minutes away, watched as an eight-year-old. "It's another opportunity in life: I have been very fortunate," he said. "One of my goals, since arriving in England, has been to beat South Africa in South Africa.

"I sat on the bench last week and soaked up the atmosphere and that was immense, but actually to walk on the field with the Lions jersey on, representing the northern hemisphere in one of the biggest rugby arenas in the world, is something I have never done. It's great to have the talent we have here, it's something I thrive on. These are top-class players playing the sort of game I enjoy and although we will probably have to tighten up a bit, I will still hope to take opportunities when they arise.

"I don't mean we should go out and play Barbarian rugby, but we need to get continuity going as early as possible so we can create space out wide or go through the middle with Scott Gibbs. But to do that, we must have the ball and that means more hard graft for the forwards."

Regan, the Bristol hooker, has seen how his front-row colleagues have applied themselves in the first two internationals and will be in no mood to let the side down. He slid to third choice during the first half of the tour, behind Barrie Williams as well as Wood, but started to dig his way back against the Emerging Springboks and clinched the issue against Northern Free State on Tuesday, while Williams had a comparatively anonymous game against Free State in Bloemfontein.

"Mark's throwing at the lineout has been excellent and we were delighted with his all-round play on Tuesday," Ian McGeechan, the coach, said. "The set-pieces will be key again, but we were looking to try and put more flexibility into what we can do with possession."

BRITISH ISLES

N R Jenkins (Pontypridd and Wales); J Bentley (Newcastle and England), I S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales), J C Guscott (Bath and England), T Underwood (Newcastle and England); M J Catt (Bath and England), M J S Dawson (Northampton and England); T J Smith (Watsonians and Scotland), M P Regan (Bristol and England), P S Wallace (Saracens and Ireland), L B N Dallaglio (Wasps and England), M O Johnson (Leicester and England, captain), J W Davidson (London Irish and Ireland), N A Back (Leicester and England), T A K Rodber (Northampton / Army and England). Replacements: T R G Stimpson (Newcastle and England), A G Bateman (Richmond and Wales), A Healey (Leicester and England), B H Williams (Richmond and Wales), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), R A Hill (Saracens and England).

FOOTBALL

Celtic go Dutch with Jansen

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CELTIC ended weeks of speculation yesterday by naming Wim Jansen, the former Feyenoord coach, as their new head coach. Jansen's appointment, ten weeks after the dismissal of Tommy Burns, followed swiftly an announcement in Portugal that Artur Jorge would remain in charge of the national side. Jorge had been widely tipped for he Celtic job.

Jansen, who has also coached Sanfrecce Hiroshima, of the J-League in Japan, has signed a three-year contract at Celtic Park. He will meet his new players during a three-match pre-season tour of Holland, which has just started.

Jansen, 53, was in the Feyenoord side that beat Celtic 2-1 in the 1970 European Cup final. "It is a big challenge that I welcome. Celtic has always had a special place in my memories." Jansen said. "They were involved in the greatest day of my career — the 1970 European Cup final against Feyenoord — and I want to bring Celtic back to the highest level. I am delighted to be joining such a famous club."

Fergus McCann, the managing director, said: "This appointment is of considerable importance to everyone who cares about Celtic. That is why it has been important not to make a quick and careless decision."

Fabrizio Ravanelli is facing disciplinary action from Middlesbrough after failing to report back for training yesterday. The Italy striker, who is expected to leave the club before the start of the season, has already said that he will not play for Middlesbrough again after their relegation from the FA Carling Premiership.

Liverpool, Everton and Borussia Dortmund are all reported to be interested in signing Ravanelli, but with no official bid received, Middlesbrough will fine and possibly suspend him if no reasonable explanation is forthcoming.

Sasa Curcic, the Aston Villa midfield player, was another import to miss the start of training. Curcic, who is on the transfer list, is stranded in Spain with an expired visa. "It is sloppy more than anything else. He has simply forgotten to renew his visa," Brian Little, the Villa manager, said.

Alan Thompson, the Bolton Wanderers midfield player, has agreed an extension to his contract that will keep him at the club until the end of the 1999-2000 season.

ATHLETICS

Backley values medal chase over gold rush

FROM DAVID POWELL IN OSLO

STEVE BACKLEY put world championship gold ahead of gold bars yesterday when he withdrew from the Bislett Games that take place here tonight. Backley, the world No 1 on present form, pulled out of a chance to win up to $250,000 (about £150,000) in gold bars rather than risk his prospects for the world championships in Athens next month.

The Bislett Games is the first of the "golden four" meetings, comprising the grands prix of Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. Athletes who win at all four venues, in any of the ten designated events, share 20 one-kilogram gold bars. The javelin is a designated event this summer.

However, swollen glands, which flared up after his victory in the British grand prix at Sheffield on Sunday, prevent Backley from being here to see whether he could repeat his victory over Jan Zelezny, the Olympic and world champion, from the Czech Republic, in Helsinki two weeks ago. That win set Backley on a run of three successive victories, including the European Cup title. Now the Briton's momentum has been interrupted, though his withdrawal is more precautionary than anything.

"The difference between now and five years ago is that Steve would probably have tried to do the meeting," John Trower, Backley's coach, said. "Now the world championships are all that count."

Marie-José Perec's announcement that she will not be going to Athens to defend her 400 metres title will heighten temptation for the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to invite all its reigning world champions, whether or not they have been selected by their national teams.

Perec, like Michael Johnson, achieved a double of 200 metres and 400 metres at the Olympic Games last year and Johnson's failure to qualify for the United States' team for Athens leaves the IAAF facing the unsatisfactory position of being without its two star turns from Atlanta. By this time of year, the sport is normally well into its stride of world records, but, with the appalling weather at every European grand prix so far this season, there has not been one. The sun shone here yesterday, however, and, if the weather holds today, Haile Gebrselassie, of Ethiopia, may claim the 10,000 metres record.

Backley: precaution

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *42*

VALETUDINARIAN
(c) An invalid — more especially one with a tendency to hypochondria.

DIASKEUAST
(a) Somebody who prepares material in detail. Thus a researcher, editor, sub-editor, etc. From the Greek for "someone who prepares things". "There is really nothing to being a journo diaskeuast, Michael. You simply check all facts and spellings, cut the first and last sentences of every article, and remove all attempts at jokes."

ADVISEDLY
(a) With conscious intent, deliberately, on purpose (of words and phrases so used "advisedly"). It is odd that it should have got this meaning, since 99.99 per cent of the time words used advisedly are so used not because of advice given by others but one the basis of the speaker's own pig-headed convictions.

PASTIME
(c) A game or recreation. Derived, believe it or not, from *pass* and *time*.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

No. The most incisive is 1 ... Be3! 2 Qb1 (White does not have a good move, e.g. 2 Qf1 Nd1+! and wins) 2 ... Nd1+ 3 Kh1 Rf1+ and wins.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Scenes from a castle

Garden Party
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The jury may still be out on the format but the programme has steadily gained in polish and authority since a nervous start last year. The lingering question is about involving members of the public in demonstrations of gardening know-how. It is fine in theory to let ordinary gardeners come before the camera to vent their problems but it can make for stodgy television. This week the advice is being dispensed from Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds, one of the finest locations for the series so far. Boasting a history which goes back to Henry VI, and with 20th-century contributions from designers such as Lanning Roper, John Coddrington and Rosemary Verey, the gardens are particularly noted for their collection of old-fashioned roses. The resident host, Tom Barber, is joined by Carol Klein and Sue Phillips.

Auntie's Sporting Bloomers
BBC1, 8.30pm

Tonight's anthology of gaffes is recommended not because the quality is any better or worse than usual but to salute a watertight formula. Given that sportspeople are as likely to make fools of themselves as those who sit in the commentary box, the series could probably run for ever. Cricket features strongly in this latest collection, with Chris Cowdrey as the studio guest. But some of the best cricketing bloomers have been on radio, mostly perpetrated by the late Brian Johnston. His fit of giggles over an unfortunate description of a Botham dismissal is a classic. But back to the box where we also see an Irish rugby player having his shorts ripped of and the German keeper who saved that Stuart Pearce penalty embarrassed by a soft goal. What a pity that Terry Wogan's links are so laboured.

Horizon Special: Destination Mars
BBC2, 8.35pm

This evening the American Pathfinder probe is due to land on Mars. It is the signal for three days of programmes on BBC2 with this *Horizon* film setting the scene. It goes back to the 1960s, when the United States and the Soviet Union were competing in space as furiously as they were waging the Cold War on Earth. Even as the Cuban missile crisis threatened to set off a nuclear war, the USSR launched Mars 1 and the Americans replied with the first of many Mariner unmanned spacecraft. The triumphs (few) and disasters (frequent) are recalled by participants on both sides. But the huge question is whether the ample photographic evidence of riverbeds, volcanoes and rift valleys can support a theory of life on Mars. Nobody expects Pathfinder to come up with the answer but its trip should still be worthwhile.

Popular pals (C4, 9.00pm)

Friends
Channel 4, 9.00pm

There has a been a considerable media debate since *Friends* was last on the air, with opinion divided as to whether it is one of the best sitcoms ever or unwatchable rubbish. This column goes to neither extreme. *Friends* has the strengths of American television comedy, as well as the weaknesses. On the credit side are the pace and the energy and the sharp one-liners, but there is also an impersonal, assembly-line feel. It is no surprise that the series has a huge writing team, whereas in Britain most sitcoms are delivered by one writer or at most two. But in the end *it* comes down to whether these friends, professionally-aspiring flatsharing New Yorkers eternally moving in and out of relationships, are your sort of friends. The guess is that the show is mostly watched by its own generation, the under-30s, but this could be quite wrong. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Sounding the Century: The Illuminati
Radio 3, 10.20pm

The last in a short series about the intellectual movements which have helped to shape the 20th century, a series which has had the incidental benefit of underlining the fact that continental Europe and the US tend to be the habitat of movements whereas Britain has produced more in the way of significant individuals. Tonight's programme, presented by Michael Ignatieff, considers the Sante Fe Institute, which was founded 13 years ago in New Mexico by a group of scientists frustrated by the lack of action in their "day job" at Los Alamos, where the atomic bomb was developed. The best-known product of the Sante Fe group, who are still widely regarded as faddists, is their work in developing chaos theory.

Negotiators
Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

Second in an absorbing four-part series in which Dr Raj Persaud talks to people who have become involved in trying to resolve hostage situations. Today he deals with the Spaghetti House siege in Knightsbridge, London, in 1975. Two factors made the siege particularly interesting: it was the first of its kind in Britain and it was the product of a robbery that went wrong. The police were alerted to the fact that a robbery was taking place but when they arrived at the restaurant the thieves took the staff hostage in a storeroom. The siege lasted five days. Because it was the first one in Britain and because it began as a robbery, neither the police nor the hostage takers had much experience of such a situation. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Pete Tong: Essential Selection **10.00** One In the Jungle **12.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show with Tim Westwood **3.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Charles Nove **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night. From the Hippodrome in Golders Green, featuring the BBC Concert Orchestra, under Barry Wordsworth **9.15** Born Free **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** Sheridan Morley

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday News **1.00pm** Wimbledon 97 **8.00** Friday Sport. Includes the Super League game between London and Wigan and athletics from the IAAF Bislett Games in Oslo **9.30** Mars Landing. A look at this evening's historic landing on the Red Planet by the *Pathfinder* probe **10.00** Paper Talk **11.00** News Extra with David McNeill **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata); Devinne (Bassoon Sonata in F major, Op 23 No 3) **8.00** Concert. Gershwin (Overture: Let 'Em Eat Cake); Barber (Adagio for Strings); Copland (Appalachian Spring), Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast in New York **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nick Abbot **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Respighi (Poema Autumnale); Dvořák (Piano Quintet in A, Op 81); Purcell (Suite Dioclesian); Field (Divertissement No 2 in A); Building a Library — Ten of the Best; Strauss (Suite: Der Rosenkavalier)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Ives, arr Schuman (Variations on America); Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending); Dvořák (String Quintet in E flat, Op 97)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Susan Sharpe. Includes Part (O Immanuel, Magnificat Antiphons); Haydn (Symphony No 101 in D, Clock); Messiaen (Trois Mélodies); C.P.E. Bach (Trio Sonata in A, Wq 146); Poulenc (Suite, Les Biches)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Schola Cantorum. Includes music from d'Indy, Turina, Nin and Roussel
1.00pm News; Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Cartwright Hall, Bradford. The Emperor Quartet. Henry Cowell (String Quartet No 4, United); Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95)
2.00 Private Passions: Sheila Colvin, the outgoing general director of the Aldeburgh Foundation chooses Jobim's *A Felicadade* from the soundtrack of *Black Orpheus*, Lotte Lenya singing Weill's *Seerauber-Jenny* from *The Threepenny Opera* and a scene from Verdi's *Falstaff* (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive. Andrew Green introduces a selection of recordings made at the Three Choirs Festival, the oldest music festival in Europe. Includes April Cantelo, soprano, Loris Synan, alto, Philip Langridge, tenor, Geoffrey Chard, bass, Three Choirs Festival Chorus and the Royal Philharmonic, under John Sanders. Malcolm Williamson (Mass of Christ the King)
5.00 Music Machine. With the help of the composer Sarah Class, Tommy Pearson attempts to find out if it is possible to create a story in music so that listeners can tell what is going on without the help of words
5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas. Includes Sousa (March: The Liberty Bell); Ives (The Fourth of July); Dudley Buck (Concert Variations on The Star-Spangled Banner); Busoni (Indian Fantasy)
7.25 Royal Opera Verdi Festival: Simon Boccanegra. Live from Covent Garden. With Sergei Leiferkus, Kallen Esperian, Jaako Ryhanen, Placido Domingo, Peter Sidhom, Jeremy White, and Anna Cooper **8.50** The Verdi Quiz. Sir Edward Downes and Mark Elder are joined by Maria Cleva, Robert Lloyd, Anthony Michaels-Moore and Peter Sidhom **9.10** Acts two and three
10.20 Sounding the Century: The Illuminati. See Choice (5/5)
10.45 Hear and Now, with Sarah Walker Includes a performance from the Swedish percussion ensemble Krumata and the trombonist Christian Lindberg. Cage (Third Construction); Folke Raabe (Jawbone Five); Xenakis (Zythos); Takemitsu (Rain Tree); Sven-David Sandstrom (Kroumata Pieces)
12.15am Composers of the Week: Paris 1750 (r)
1.15 Saxophone Colossus. John Surman talks to the saxophonist Sonny Rollins about his great friendship with John Coltrane and his mentor Thelonius Monk (3/6) (r)
1.45 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.45** Robert Worle, tenor, Michael Schopper, bass, Claron McFadden, soprano, La Stagione Vocal Ensemble and Orchestra, under Michael Schneider. Ignaz Holzbauer (Günther von Schwarzburg) **4.45** Ravel (Daphnis and Chloe).

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is Bruce Forsyth (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; Negotiators (FM). See Choice (2/4)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only from 10.50), with Mairi Nicolson in Manchester
10.50-1.00pm Test Match Special (LW). Coverage of the second day of the third Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford
11.30 The Natural History Programme (FM). Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM), with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Food Programme (FM), with Derek Cooper
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
1.40-6.30 Test Match Special (LW). Continued coverage from Old Trafford
2.00 News (FM); Classic Serial: North and South. The first of Charlotte Keatley's three part dramatisation of Elizabeth Gaskell's tale of a woman who moves from Hampshire to Manchester. With Emily Mortimer (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM). Tim Marlow explores the art of the Japanese woodcut as a new exhibition opens at the Royal Academy of Art in London
4.45 Short Story: On a Tiled Courtyard I Pick Up the Years (FM). Written by Ah Sheng, translated by Eva Hung and read by Chowee Leow
5.00 PM (FM) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)
6.30 A Man with Latitude. David Neil Lodge continues to negotiate his route through Europe with the help of listeners' recommendations
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Selected by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Southend-on-Sea, Essex. The panel includes Edwina Currie and Menzies Campbell, MP
8.50 Law in Action. Going to court to resolve legal problems is being discouraged more and more. Marcel Berlins explores whether our legal system really can deliver cheaper, quicker, fairer and simpler justice
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Riding the River — Poetry and Jazz in Britain. The rhythmic spoken word set against improvised music was made popular in the 1950s by the Beat poets and Jack Kerouac. John Harvey explores the relationship between poetry and jazz (r)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Monkey King, by Timothy Mo. Read by David Yip (10/10)
11:00 Week Ending. A sideways look at the week's events with the comedy revue team
11.25 Fourth Column. Presented by *Times* columnist John Diamond
11.45 The Big Umbrella: Over the Sea to Skye. The first of five radio essays on original ideas. Nigel Lewis is led into a magical world by the metaphor: "white horses on the sea" (r)
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Giant's House, by Elizabeth McCracken (5/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Kill off the leading man? A blissful idea

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Pneumonic plague, I now know, is a nasty illness. It begins with a cough and ends, a few highly unpleasant hours later, with a gurgle. It's the sort of contagious disease that you wouldn't wish on anybody. Except, possibly, Dr Sam Bliss.

For a moment last night, as the final episode of **Bliss** (ITV) neared its end, there was hope. With plague threatening to wipe out the population of a small Norfolk village and eventually Britain, your hero (really, I want no part of him) swallowed the experimental, genetically engineered vaccine from Porton Down. With that he kissed his already dying love-interest, Dr Melanie Kilpatrick, and snuggled up to her. In a church. Die, die, I hissed. But on the next day, he rose again — plague-free. He had saved Norfolk, Britain and quite possibly the world. Imagine how annoying this self-important prig will be next time.

The problem with *Bliss*, you see, is Bliss (Simon Shepherd). He's ghastly. Without him, you could forgive plots like last night's, which was part-*Quatermass*, part-*Dr. Who* and especially part-*Doomwatch*, from the early 1970s. Plague returns to Britain — it's a perfectly good story and Simon Eden, the writer, had given it a decent enough twist by making it pneumonic rather than run-of-the-mill bubonic.

But Bliss had to come along, summoned by an elderly pathologist who ought to have known better, and stick his interfering nose in. Within minutes the local GP discovered what we learnt episodes ago — that Bliss is a charmless, meddling, bossy know-all. Do this, do that. Eventually, said GP turned savage. "What gives you the right to contradict me in front of my patients?" I cheered. "What gives you the right to put patients' lives at risk?" replied Bliss (boo), demonstrating the bedside manner that sent him into full-time research. Later, said GP was shot dead by the Army (I looked for Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart), so that was all right.

As one of ITV's small band of leading men, Shepherd ought to have been able to make Bliss somebody we might want to spend at least a little time with. But the writers and producers made a difficult task all but impossible by creating an infallible bore, a man who could diagnose plague in two minutes; who could not only identify *lapis solaris*, but knew its full, hermetic history, and who was bang up to speed with the latest top-secret research from Porton Down.

Above all, however, it is Bliss's unique talent for muscling in on other people's problems that made him such an extraordinary pain. "Excuse me, who's in charge here?" he asked last night, in that irritating, jobsworth manner which in real life would ensure that he got thumped several times an episode. As for the awful prospect of another series, I can only embrace the melodramatic vernacular: "All we can do now is wait . . . and pray."

The problem with **The Last Governor** (BBC1) was very different — Chris Patten is, after all, widely held to be an all-round nice guy. The problem is the choice of narrative tense. This five part series cries out to have been shown in the run-up to the handover of Hong Kong, but the impressive access enjoyed by Jonathan Dimbleby presumably made that impossible. The result is a series that has arrived three days too late to be current affairs and three years too early to be history, especially as Dimbleby seems reluctant to conclude whether his friend was a good or a bad thing.

Tense also arose as a problem from the film's partly fly-on-the-wall format, in that the events of five years ago were told in the present tense, through contemporaneous chats with Patten and interviews with members of Hong Kong's business and political community. Just when you thought you were getting the hang of it, Dimbleby would crop up in the present, to put the recent past in some sort of historical perspective. This "history in the making" lark is not as easy as it looks.

The result was occasionally confusing, disappointing for those hoping for more than a tantalising glimpse of a Patten daughter, but thoroughly absorbing. Many of the difficult questions we asked ourselves on Monday evening as we watched the Prince of Wales getting soaked, such as "so why was Hong Kong British?" were answered, but not — or not yet — the most difficult. Did Patten weep because he was leaving, or because he had failed?

Despite the friendly nature of the film (last night it was established that Patten and Dimbleby at least cross croquet mallets socially), it was impossible not to incline towards the latter. It seemed that the "through train of democracy" that Patten talked about so much had indeed been derailed by the Chinese and that the local tycoons had been proved right in believing that there was no point in antagonising the Chinese. But perhaps, in subsequent episodes, we shall learn that the important thing was to have tried.

Finally, Channel 4 offered us **A Bill Called William**, a rather nicely made film marking the 30th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Sexual Offences Act. Viscount Norwich supplied some fairly unrepeatable humour, and an impressive cast of politicians — Leo Abse, Tam Dalyell, Barbara Castle, Roy Jenkins, Teddy Taylor — recalled their respective contributions to the legislative process against a billowing backdrop of muscled male torso. There was also a great soundtrack, confirming that the Devil has indeed passed on the best tunes to the gay community. Together, apparently, with some Neil Sedaka records he didn't want.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (53655)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (58013)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3780094)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (1104100)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (5883568)

10.30 Gloria's Time Off with Cilla Black (2593723)

10.45 News (T) Regional News and weather (3610948)

10.50 Cricket: Third Test England v Australia. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the opening session of day two from Old Trafford. Continues on BBC2 (31617655)

12.35pm Neighbours (T) (8287346)

1.00 News (T) and weather (51100)

1.30 Regional News (T) (42862617)

1.40 Wimbledon 97 Live coverage of the men's singles semi-finals (38216891)

4.10 To Me — to You (T) (4649297) **4.35** Clarissa Explains It All (r) (T) (8334636) **5.00** Newsround (T) (1470704) **5.10** Record Breakers (r) (T) (4068617)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (314029)

6.00 News (T) and weather (907)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (87) **WALES: 6.55** Budget Response by Plaid Cymru (581452)

7.00 Big Break Trick Shot Special Introduced by Jim Davidson and John Virgo with guests Willie Thorne and Dennis Taylor, golfing ace Sam Torrance and American trick-shot specialist Mike Massey (T) (5278)

7.30 Top of the Pops The best of the current chart sounds and live performances (T) (471)

8.00 Porridge: A Day Out The inmates face a day of hard labour digging drains on the Cumberland moors. With Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale (r) (T) (4926)

8.30 Auntie's Sporting Bloomers Terry Wogan presents a humorous look at the embarrassing things that happen to sports personalities (T) (3433)

.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (5013)

.30 Budget Response By the Liberal Democrats (T) (8865836)

.35 One Foot In the Grave: Monday Morning Will Be Fine Victor returns from the supermarket to find his house has been ransacked by burglars (r) (T) (141617)

.05 Today at Wimbledon Sue Barker presents highlights from the men's singles semi-finals (9836891)

.10 Deadly Identity (1990) with Mark Harmon, Mimi Rogers and Paul Gleason. When a man vanishes, the detective hired to find him falls for the missing man's wife. But then a murderous secret haunts him. Directed by Ivan Passer (67761549)

.15am The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, b/w) with Peter Lorre, Andrea King and Robert Alda. A retired concert pianist living in a remote villa in Italy meets a sudden death in mysterious circumstances. The will, which leaves all his wealth to his private nurse, is immediately contested, sparking the arrival of a menacing creature — a murderous hand. Directed by Robert Florey (6009766)

.40-2.45 Weather (6206389)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: A Migrant's Heart (7364568) **6.25** Questions of National Identity (9358655)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (8229384)

7.30 Moomin (r) (7348742) **7.55** The Adventures of Skippy (r) (6289094) **8.20** Mr Benn (r) (6967075) **8.35** The Record (2889704)

9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon Ladies' singles semi-finals highlights (83384)

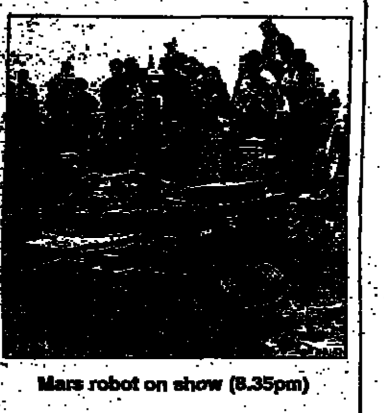
10.00 Teletubbies (10365)

10.30 Around the World Under the Sea (1966) with Lloyd Bridges, Shirley Eaton, Brian Kelly and David McCallum. Sci-fi yarn about the adventures of the crew of an ultra-modern submarine as they travel the world's oceans in search of tell-tale earthquake warning signs. Directed by Andrew Marton (94391162)

12.20pm Joshua Jones (r) (8854297)

12.30 Wimbledon 97 and Cricket Tennis: Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker present action from the 12th day in SW19, when the semi-finals of the men's singles and ladies' doubles are scheduled weather permitting. Cricket: Further coverage of the second day of the third Test between England and Australia Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 3.55 (1233278)

8.30 A Weekend on Mars Clive Anderson kicks off an evening of documentaries to celebrate the touchdown of Nasa's Pathfinder robot on Mars (T) (733433)



Mars robot on show (8.35pm)

8.35 Horizon Special: Destination Mars The story of three decades of Mars exploration from Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Russia's Lavotchkin to the team monitoring Pathfinder's every move (T) (881549)

9.30 Mars to Clive Anderson The news from Mars as it happens. Clive will be joined in the studio by Patrick Moore, British scientist and Mars expert Dr Monica Grady, and British astronaut Mike Foale, interviewed via satellite as he orbits Earth in the Russian space station Mir (T) (622365)

10.10 What Have the Martians Ever Done for Us Comedy clips featuring aliens (587655) Followed by UK Image (375907)

10.20 Space Jammin' Records that have been dedicated to Martians (255443)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (321384)

11.20 Budget Response by the Liberal Democrats (T) (374891)

11.25 The A Force Roy Diamond hosts the black entertainment series, interviewing Michelle Gayle (577452) Followed by Weather

1.00am Warm Nights on a Slow Moving Train (1987) A young woman turns to prostitution to help support her disabled brother. Steamy drama with Wendy Hughes. Directed by Bob Ellis (70582) Ends at 2.30

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4323100)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1105839)

9.55 Regional News (8617556)

10.00 The Time, the Place (49461)

10.30 This Morning (94395988)

12.20pm Your Shout (8850471)

12.25 Regional News (8859742)

12.30 News (T) and weather (8206471)

12.55 Regional News (8281162)

1.25 Home and Away (T) (37993907) **1.50** London Bridge (r) (8220617) **2.50** High Road (8796029)

3.20 News (1321568)

3.25 Regional News (1320839)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (4620013) **3.40** Cartoon Time (1911636) **3.50** The Treacle People (1900520) **4.00** Zzzap (4546723) **4.15** The Real Ghostbusters (4633636) **4.40** Get Wet (8859568)

5.10 The Totally Friday Show (1024471)

5.40 News (T) and weather (484907)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (468742)

6.25 London Weekend Tonight (T) (519839)

7.00 Lucky Numbers (T) (7966)

7.30 Coronation Street The Websters face a harrowing time when little Rosie goes missing (T) (839)

8.00 The Bill Daly and Skase grow suspicious of a tip-off leading them to a jeweller dealing in stolen goods (T) (9094)

Presenter Cilla Black (8.30pm)

8.30 Surprise! Surprise! Cilla Black returns with a new series of the popular entertainment show (T) (38029)

9.30 Tarrant on TV Chris Tarrant presents his tongue-in-cheek overview of global television (T) (96389)

10.00 News (T) and weather (87452)

10.29 LWT Weather (362433)

10.30 Budget '97 The Liberal Democrats' response (T) (983549)

10.40 Crime Fighters New series following the work of the police in the past decade (474704)

11.10 Capital Cafe New live entertainment show featuring music and chat (508181)

12.40am London Weekend Tonight (8071501)

12.50 Presumed Guilty (1991) Drama based on real events, with Martin Sheen, Brendan Fraser, Carolyn Kava and Mark Metcalf. A teenager is wrongly convicted of murder, prompting his father to set about clearing the lad's name. Directed by Paul Wendkos (700211)

2.35 The LADS New series celebrating lad culture (T) (2199899)

3.05 Bonkers (T) (6376018)

4.00 Helter Skelter (T) (1550308)

4.50 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (T) (22252124)

5.20 Jones and Jury (9746292)

5.30 News (83650)

CENTRAL

As London except:

12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (8281162)

1.50 Surprise Chefs (59678810)

2.20 Put It to the Test (66789452)

2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (8796029)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1024471)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (21384)

10.29 Pollen Count (362433)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (537159)

10.50 Highlander (316033)

11.50 Wiseguy (255162)

12.45am Campus Cops (3256359)

1.10 Film: Silhouette (892292)

2.45 Bonkers (622747)

3.45 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (98449389)

4.10 Helter Skelter (1534360)

5.00 Freescreen (30143)

CENTRAL

As London except:

12.55pm-1.25 Country Practice (8281162)

1.50 Murder, She Wrote (4854471)

2.40-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden (7794162)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1024471)

6.25-7.00 Central News (519839)

10.45 Film: In the Line of Duty: Mob Justice (230297)

4.45am Central Jobfinder '97 (4108308)

5.20 Asian Eye (9746292)

ANGLIA

As London except:

12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8933758)

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8281162)

1.55 Murder, She Wrote (8238636)

2.50-3.20 Countrywide (8796029)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1024471)

6.23 Anglia Weather (715297)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (519839)

10.30 Anglia News and Weather (537159)

10.50 Film: Knight Moves (12562839)

1.00am Short Sharp Shocks (8934495)

1.10 Film: Silhouette (892292)

2.45 Bonkers (622747)

3.45 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (98449389)

4.10 Helter Skelter (1534360)

5.00 Coronation Street (30143)

HTV WEST

As London except:

12.55pm-1.25 Designed by Emanuel (8281162)

1.50 Murder, She Wrote (8220617)

2.49 HTV Crimestoppers (1051907)

2.50-3.20 Garden Calendar (8796029)

5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1024471)

5.57-6.00 HTV Pollen Count (180452)

6.25 HTV Weather (714568)

6.30-7.00 The West Tonight (655)

10.30 The West Tonight Update (963549)

10.39 HTV Pollen Count (230723)

10.45 Who Killed Cabot? (858013)

11.20 Videotech (813461)

12.20am Blur Live at the Astoria (3564940)

1.10 Film: Silhouette (892292)

2.45 Bonkers (622747)

3.45 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (98449389)

4.10 Helter Skelter (1534360)

5.00 Coronation Street (30143)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 am Sesame Street (r) (46365) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (41723) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (77029) **9.30** Metropolis (r) (T) (32891)

10.30 Frontier Marshal (1939, b/w) with Randolph Scott and Cesar Romero. A retelling of the shootout at the OK Corral Directed by Allan Dwan (8776433)

11.45 Cow on the Frontier (6608384) **12.00** Garden Party (r) (T) (84365) **12.30pm** Caroline in the City (r) (T) (11907) **1.00** Springhill (T) (44810)

1.30 Lancashire Coast A 1955 travelogue (42879907)

1.45 Tracks of Glory (1991) with Phil Morris and Richard Roxburgh. Conclusion of the Australian fact-based drama that began yesterday. Directed by Marcus Cole (93677094)

3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (433) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (568) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8328075) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (2351758) **5.30** Pet Rescue. A golden retriever puppy is rescued (r) (T) (704)

6.00 The Avengers (r) (T) (29926)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (753100)

7.50 Singles A Madonna lookalike visits the singles bar (626384)

8.00 Garden Party The team visit the gardens of Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire (T) (7636)

8.30 Brookside The Johnsons bid an emotional farewell to Gladys; and the wait is finally over for Jackie and Jimmy (T) (9471)

9.00 Friends: The One with the Princess Leia Fantasy The comedy series returns with Ross confiding a sexual fantasy to Rachel (T) (8723)

9.30 Cybill: Sex, Drugs and Catholicism Cybill and Maryann meet Holly, Ira's new girlfriend (T) (24471)

10.00 Frasier: Can't Buy Me Love The radio shrink agrees to be a "biddable date" at a celebrity charity auction (r) (T) (85094)

10.30 Harry Hill Sketches and stand-up comedy (6/8) (T) (851100)

Grant and Seigner (11.05pm)

11.05 Bitter Moon (1992) with Peter Coyote, Hugh Grant, Emmanuelle Seigner and Kristin Scott Thomas Drama about a man who gradually corrupts a repressed British couple while on a cruise. Directed by Roman Polanski (T) (32623549)

1.40am Cul De Sac (1966, b/w) Donald Pleasence and Françoise Dorleac star in this macabre thriller directed by Roman Polanski (T) (183056)

3.40 Swerve Thriller with a gruesome twist (r) (71249259)

4.00 The Tickle Four London crooks get together for a job (r) (52136872)

4.15 Over She Goes (1937, b/w) with Stanley Lupino and Laddie Cliff. Screen version of a successful West End musical. Directed by Graham Cutts (75785)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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6.00 am 5 News Early (9752520)

7.30 Havakazoo (7595907) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7485704) **8.30** WideWorld (7484075)

9.00 Espresso (3185365) **10.00** Hospital Live (r) (5164075) **10.30** The Car Show (r) (7404839)

11.00 Leeza (6046655) **11.50** Double Espresso (19897013) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7488891) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4069549)

1.00 5 News Update (T) (11162425) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8002636) **2.00** 5's Company (6075891)

Boyd and Loren (3.30pm)

3.30 The Fall of the Roman Empire (1964) Conclusion of the historical epic, with Sophia Loren and Stephen Boyd. Directed by Anthony Mann (1501636)

5.20 Hospital Live from Guy's (68125549)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7905029)

6.00 Move on Up (T) (7822742)

6.30 Family Affairs (T) (7813094)

7.00 Hospital Live In the final programme, former patients explain how their lives have dramatically improved since they received organ transplants (6172433)

7.30 Treasure Islands: Island of the Bears A look at the brown bears of Alaska (T) (7819278)

8.00 Attractions Featuring the American Adventure World theme park in Derbyshire, the London Aquarium and Madame Tussauds (T) (6181181)

8.30 5 News (T) (6177988)

9.00 The Other Woman (1994) with Jill Eikenberry and Lloyd Bridges. Melodrama about a divorced mother-of-two who learns that she has cancer. Directed by Gabrielle Beaumont (60974384)

10.50 The Jack Docherty Show (1619452)

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4409687)

12.35am Confessions of a Driving Instructor (1976) Adult comedy with Robin Askwith, Anthony Booth and Windsor Davies. Directed by Norman Cohen (5358143)

2.15 The Road Home (1989) Drama with Donald Sutherland. Directed by Hugh Hudson (7121308)

4.15 The Plough and the Stars (1936, b/w) with Barbara Stanwyck, Preston Foster and Barry Fitzgerald. Adaptation of Sean Casey's emotive play, directed by John Ford (61840768)

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Chill wind of experience blows Henman and Rusedski off course in quarter-finals

British hopes freeze in cold climate

By Julian Muscat
Tennis Correspondent

A COLD climate of realism intruded on British hopes at Wimbledon yesterday when Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski succumbed to unseeded opponents in the quarter-finals. After their earlier exploits, which promised so much, the two Britons wilted badly against players with a greater knowledge of tennis at this level.

Henman's defeat left a gaping hole in the impression that he had created when defeating Richard Krajicek 24 hours earlier. His dismissal of the defending champion seemed to confirm his readiness for a match with Michael Stich, the winner here six years ago. It proved no more than a mirage. For the past four weeks, Henman's service has been erratic: a fusillade of double faults redeemed by big winners. That kink, ironed out against Krajicek, returned to betray him yesterday and Stich, who prevailed 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, was far too streetwise to let Henman off the hook.

Rusedski, too, suffered from a weakness in his normally destructive serve. Having started badly against Cedric Pioline, of France, Rusedski was let back into the match when his opponent faltered. Ultimately, however, he was beaten with something to spare. Pioline, who won 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, returned Rusedski's serve with rare aplomb, forcing the Briton to strike volleys from around shin height. That has never been Rusedski's forte and his final gesture of these champiionships — throwing his towel to the crowd — summarised the nature of his performance.

Henman started on the offensive, generating an opportunity against serve in the opening game of the match. Although he could not convert it, he was striking the ball so fluently that Stich must have braced himself for a lengthy encounter. Little could he have known that a rain break, delaying play for two hours and 43 minutes, would last longer than the match itself.

From the opening game, Stich could hardly have anticipated the flaws within Henman's tennis. In the eighth game of the set, he served successive double faults — the second embracing a mis-hit second service — and left Stich contemplating three break points. The crowd, so inspired in Henman's earlier matches, had long since fallen silent. Henman's quick net reflexes saved the first two before another double fault sealed his fate.

The theme persisted when another double fault by Henman left him facing two break points at 1-1 in the second set. Henman was by now remonstrating with himself and Stich, never one to miss a trick, simply kept the ball in play, waiting for his opponent to err. Henman duly obliged, suffering another service break — facilitated by two more double faults — and Stich reeled off five consecutive games to take a two-set advantage.

All the while, Stich exacerbated Henman's turbulent emotions by serving flawlessly, hitting the ball deep into the service court, where Henman's services rattled the net. After a run of three service games to love, Stich targeted the Henman serve at 3-3, breaking it with a low return that Henman could not control. The rest was routine stuff from a player well versed in consolidating an advantage.

"Tactically I played very smart," Stich said. "I didn't ever give him a chance. He served badly and after he started making double faults, he lost a lost of confidence. He started staying back on his second serve and that showed me he was in trouble." On his own clinical play, the German, who is retiring at the end of the year, said: "I did not come here to retire, I came here to win the championship." It bodes well for his semi-final with Pioline.

Rusedski's morning start prefaced his defeat by Pioline in front of a lackadasical audience. Large sections of bare seating smothered the occasion in a blanket of emptiness as a Briton played for a place among the last four. It was not the only surprise to unfold on No 1 Court.

Rusedski later clung to the barely sustainable line that he thrived on inspired support. However, what he refused to condemn in words, he condemned by his limp performance. Crisis engulfed him in a matter of minutes, successive double faults punctuating his loss of the opening game with barely a whimper.

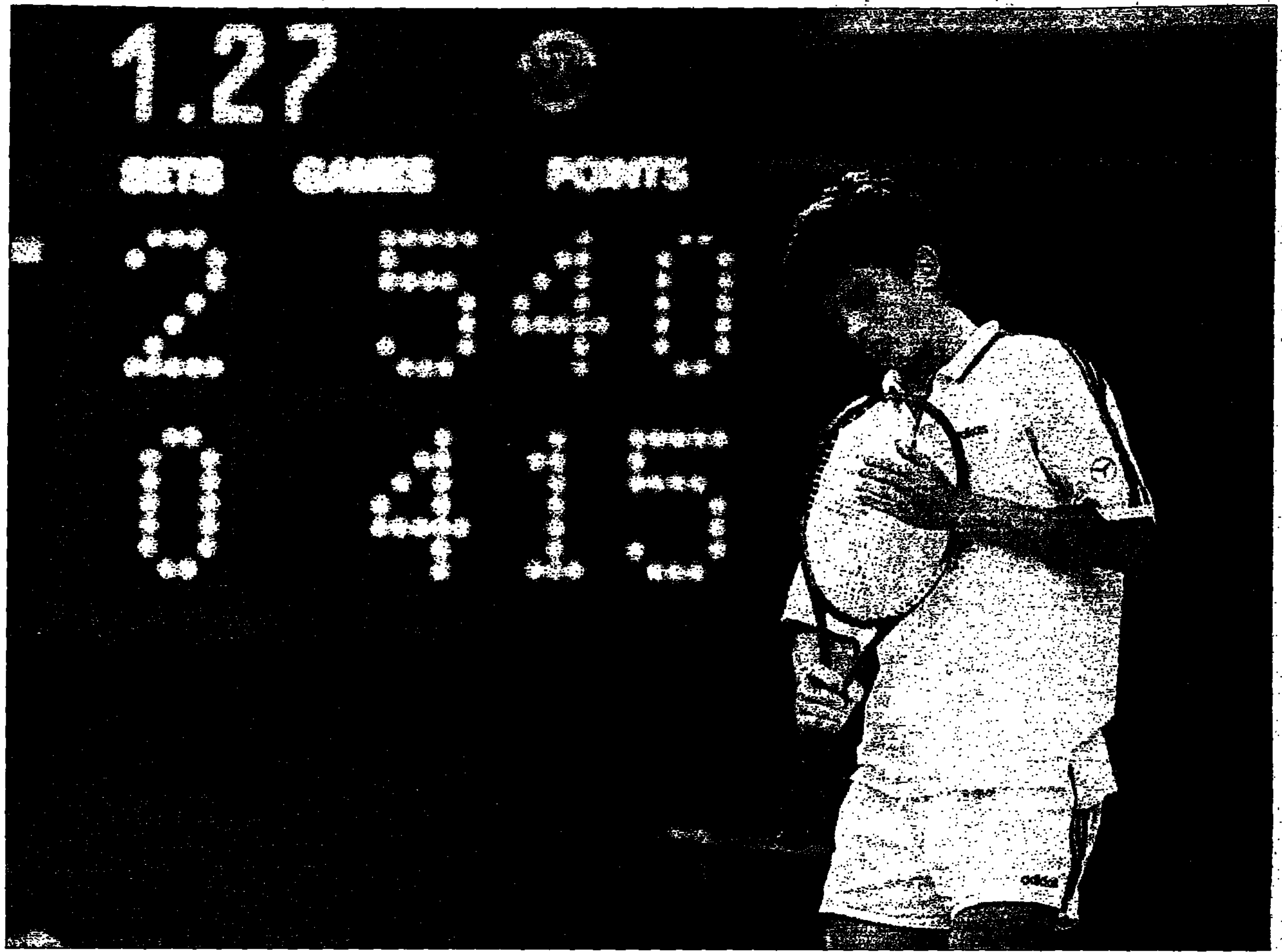
Pioline, for his part, indulged in some spectacular tennis. He claimed the opening set for the loss of six points on service — in the process ensuring that late-comers immediately sensed the muted atmosphere. True, Pioline faltered in the second set when, after an exchange of breaks, he twice served double faults at 4-5 before netting a routine volley on set point. From that moment, though, the outcome was never in the balance.

Rusedski looked ponderous to the extent that Pioline would later inquire of his fitness. "I was just fatigued," Rusedski said afterwards. "I have played something like 21 matches in 3½ weeks." That is one way of looking at it. An alternative synopsis is that Rusedski played for 20 minutes on Tuesday last week, not at all on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and enjoyed a day of rest before this match. It bodes ill for his future in grand-slam events if his stamina truly failed him over these rain-affected championships.

A more pertinent observation, to which Rusedski also alluded, was the high standard of Pioline's play. Four years ago, Pioline was ranked in the world's top ten. It showed in the venom of his service return, a spiteful shot that he struck with unremitting accuracy and the high quality of his volleys.

In the other quarter-finals, Mark Woodforde, of Australia, beat Nicolas Kiefer, of Germany, 7-6, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4. One of three unseeded players in the semi-finals, Woodforde now plays Pete Sampras, the No 1 seed: Sampras defeated Boris Becker, also in four sets. The most poignant outcome to the match was Becker's announcement that this has been his last Wimbledon.

Martina Hingis, the No 1 seed, won through to the women's final tomorrow with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of Anna Kournikova, of Russia. Her opponent will be Jana Novotna, of the Czech Republic, who beat Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, also in straight sets.



Point of no return: the scoreboard tells the tale as Henman contemplates match point against him in his quarter-final against Stich yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

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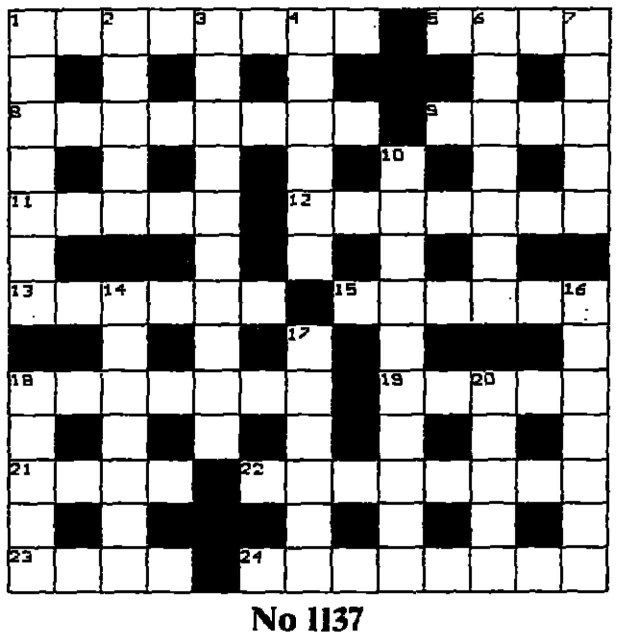

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Cricket Correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of five, Australia won toss): Australia have scored 224 for seven wickets against England

IF THERE is such a thing as a good toss to lose, Old Trafford provided it yesterday morning. And if, in this apology for a summer, there is a time to welcome stoppages for bad light, Manchester supplied that, too. England, the beneficiaries on both counts, will feel that the Ashes are consequently a significant step closer, despite their efforts being upstaged by a superbly resourceful century from Steve Waugh.

This gripping, though shortened, opening to the third Test match may even turn out to be the key day of the Cornhill series. Not only because England took seven wickets — three to the debutant, Dean Headley — and held the initiative until their disciplines were mislaid in a brief and fruitless final session, but for the psychological clout of it.

Australia arrived here buoyed. They believed this was their stage, the place where the series would shift course, yet they went back to their hotel last night not quite in the disarray they might have been, but most certainly dismayed.

Their batting, Waugh honourably excepted, had been undermined on a pitch made precisely to English specifications. How much of their dismay they will lay at the door of the captain, coach and whoever else was responsible for the decision to bat first, only they will know. How they will come back from it today, in what may well be a low-scoring Test open to all manner of fluctuations, will be fundamental to the outcome of this series.

Mark Taylor was presumably working on precedent, or perhaps on some perverse hunch, when the coin fell his way again. Maybe he felt that the demons of the day were all in the imagination, or he might have summoned the memory of 1993, when England, believing a damp pitch would aid their seam attack, bowled first and watched the Australian openers put on more than a hundred. He could even have read and digested the statistic that no Test here has been won by a team putting the opposition in.

Whatever, he got it wrong and Michael Atherton, who was about to take a deep breath and defy history, was saved the trouble and stress. He has lost all three tosses so far this series and, twice before, he would erroneously have batted first. This time, with the conviction of local knowledge, he had no doubts.

Peter Marron's pitch was well grassed and, after another showery night, clammy to the touch. The Manchester morning was slate grey. Conditions for seam bowling, indeed, could hardly have been more propitious.

Only two Australians resisted for long and one of these, Matthew Elliott, might have been out to almost every ball he faced in the opening hour. His 40, occupying 32 overs and almost as many moral defeats, was a triumph of survival, but Waugh, making his thirteenth Test century, gave a lesson in technique.

Throughout the day, the ball moved extravagantly off the pitch. At times, expecially on a still afternoon, it also swung and the problems were exacerbated by occasional steep bounce and a desperately slow outfield. These were disagreeable circumstances for any batsman, but Waugh, predominantly on the back foot, played with hawk-eyed vigilance. Periodically, there was a poised drive through mid-on or extra-cover; otherwise, the innings was one of pushes, deflections and watchful defence.

Without him, Australia would have been out for a pittance. This, indeed, seemed the likeliest outcome during the initial 20 overs, as England took three wickets and might easily have had five or six. Taylor, who said he had batted for 4½ hours at Southampton without playing and missing, lapsed after three balls here. He was then struck on the helmet in Headley's first over before, in his third, being turned square-on and caught at first slip.

While Elliott groped and lunged, usually without contact, Greg Blewett allowed one ball from Darren Gough to cut back over the top of middle stump and chopped the next into leg stump. Gough rested with one for ten from eight overs, but Headley, darting the ball around while maintaining a good line, was at least equally impressive.

Mark Waugh's dismissal was soft. He had just dispatched two short, wide balls from Mark Ealham for four when he needlessly followed an equally wide, if fuller one and was caught behind. Elliott's luck deserted him at last when he was out similarly to Headley, who then produced something almost unplayable to remove the unhappy Michael Bevan.

There were two afternoon delays for drizzle and grim light before Ian Healy, taken down the leg side, and Shane Warne brought Stewart's tally to five catches. In the final hour of cricket, after the longest interruption of the day, he could and should have increased it, for he missed Paul Reiffel off Headley on 13 and then caught him off Robert Croft in the final over, only for umpire Sharp to rule there had been no contact.

This was a cruel end for England, especially with Waugh raising his bat in the same over for a thoroughly deserved century that would have been beyond most players in the world.

The eighth wicket has so far added 64 and, as conditions were not conspicuously easier, they may be influential runs.

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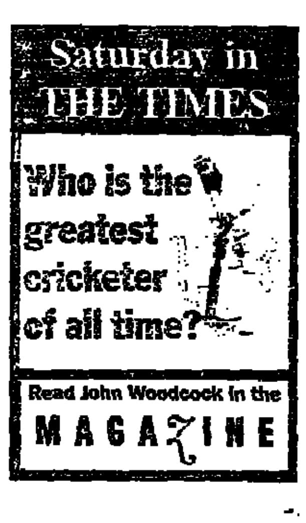

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